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LABOUR DEMANDS IMMEDIATE RECALL
OF PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS CRISIS

Europe Fears New Coups

WASHINGTON, APR. 8.

MILITARY OFFICIALS HERE BELIEVE THAT GERMANY WILL INVADE DANZIG AND THE POLISH CORRIDOR BEFORE APRIL 15 WHEN EUROPE WILL BE FACED WITH IMMINENT WAR.

Officials believe that Germany's march to Danzig and the Corridor is a matter of "when" rather than "if."

These officials also believe that Germany will simultaneously attempt to occupy part or all of Silesia, in view of the likelihood that Poland will resist encroachment on Danzig and the Corridor.

ALBANIA A PRELUDE

Diplomatic, military and naval officials regard the Italian invasion of Albania as a prelude to a larger military operation by the Totalitarian States. Albania appears to be a diversion, possibly intended to frighten Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Rumania from joining the "Stop Hitler Bloc."—United Press.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

BERLIN, Apr. 8.

Reliable circles report small scale troop movements in East Prussia and say that the garrisons on the Polish border are also being strengthened.

However, there is no evidence of large concentrations which would be required if Germany planned to enter Poland.—United Press.

CHAMBERLAIN FOR LONDON

ABERDEEN, Apr. 8.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain entrained for London at 7.35 p.m. to-day.—United Press.

LONDON, Apr. 8.

Fearing that a further advance of the Axis to the south will endanger Britain's communications with India and the outlying British Empire generally, eleven Cabinet ministers are meeting at noon to-day on the advice of the four Defence Ministers.

Yugo-Slavia Prepares

Belgrade, Apr. 8. Yugoslavia has strengthened the post on the Albanian border and has called up a small number of the reserve of officers.

However, well informed circles explained that these measures are "normal under the circumstances."

Paris Activity

Paris, Apr. 9. The permanent Committee for National Defence met this afternoon at the War Ministry under the presidency of M. Edouard Daladier.

The meeting was attended by M. Georges Bonnet, General Gamelin, Chief of Staff, M. Campi, Minister for War, M. Guy Lachambre, Minister for Air, Vice-Admiral Dorian, Chief of Naval General Staff, and General Vuillemin, Chief of Air General Staff.—Reuter.

Istanbul Parleys

Istanbul, Apr. 9. M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, left for Bucharest to-day.

A communiqué issued at the end of his talk with Mr. Saragoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, states that the two countries agreed to pursue the policy of the Balkan Entente, aiming at strengthening the security and independence of friendly and allied countries, and also at tightening links with neighbouring peoples in conformity with the spirit of the Salonic Pact of July, 1938 between Bulgaria and the Balkan Entente States, providing for a friendly settlement of all differences through negotiations, and renouncing all recourse to force.—Reuter.

Swedish Indecision

Stockholm, Apr. 9. "The risks of a policy of collaboration with Powers other than those of the North are too great, and the guarantees too uncertain," declared M. Skoeld, the Swedish Defence Minister in a speech to-day.

He added: "Neutrality is the natural attitude for our country."

M. Skoeld emphasised the need for calm at the present, and declared that the chances of success in defence against possible aggression were just as great as the risks of failure.

In conclusion he dwelt on the strength of Sweden's defences.

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Portuguese Steamers Detained

THE JAPANESE Navy has detained eleven Portuguese coastal steamers during the past week or so, it is authoritatively revealed.

The "United Press" in Hongkong was informed on Saturday that three Don Line steamers, the Don Pedro, Don Jono and Don Luis had been detained off the North China coast.

All the ships are registered in Shanghai where, it is understood, the latter is being referred to the Portuguese Consul.

Further investigations revealed that a total of eleven Portuguese ships have been detained by the Japanese and are now concentrated at Woosung.

Smuggling Charge

The "United Press" in Shanghai confirms these reports. They report officially that six Portuguese ships are at present detained at Woosung. They were diverted when en route to Wenchow, and the Japanese have apparently charged them with smuggling.

The Portuguese Consul in Shanghai is said to be planning a protest to the Japanese, pending completion of investigations.

Five other Portuguese ships, according to Shanghai reports, were temporarily detained and were released later when it was ascertained that they were sailing for ports which the Japanese did not object.

P. I. TRAIN SMASH

Manila, Apr. 10. Yesterday afternoon the Ilocos Express bound for Manila collided with a northbound freight train in Pangasinan province at the town of Poponto.

The baggage car of the Express was damaged and more than twenty passengers were injured, mainly British vacationists returning from Baguio.

None are reported killed so far, but it is feared that a few are seriously injured. Some of the passengers were picked up unconscious.

Carlos Estrella and Macario Estrella, two brothers, who were engineers of the Express and freight train respectively, are reported to be badly hurt.

It was reported that the impact was so terrific that the engine of the Express crashed over the freight engine and came to rest on top of the latter.—United Press.

H.M.S. Cicada arrives from Canton this morning.

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HERR HITLER'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO MEMEL.—The German dictator landed in Memel from the German battleship Deutschland and made a triumphant entry into the city. This is the first photograph of this historic event published in Hongkong. Air Mail from Associated Press. Copyright.

Albanian Resistance Ends: King Zog Seeks Sanctuary In Greece

FLORINA, Apr. 8.

KING ZOG, fleeing from Albania, has joined his wife and son as the legions of Italy marched to Tirana, realising that defence was useless.

King Zog left the capital at night after leading his troops and volunteers in a bitter fight on the Durazzo front. On foreign soil the King hoped to enlist the aid of the great powers and direct guerrilla operations against the Italians.

Previous to King Zog's arrival, the Queen appealed to the world to aid the stricken country.

It is said that King Zog personally rejected the appeal yesterday to submit peacefully to the Italian occupation, whereby he would retain his throne.

The King's grandmother, Countess Destrelle Decina, delivered a message through "United Press" saying, "The world must do something for Albania; its brave people will resist to the end."

King Zog arrived in the early afternoon with a cortege of 16 automobiles and two trucks. He appeared to be weary and worn but immediately joined Queen Geraldine and the baby in an emotional scene.—United Press.

Ciano's Speech

Istanbul, Apr. 9. Count Ciano, in his first speech to the Albanian people, addressed a delegation of notables at the air field.

He said, "It is Il Duce's intention to give the people of Albania order, welfare and progress within the framework of their National life."

Il Duce has arrived by airplane. He will inspect the expeditionary forces and address the Albanian people. He is also expected to fly to Scutari and other important towns to see how the occupation has been carried out.—United Press.

"Provisional Government" Planned At Tirana

Tirana, Apr. 9. It is understood that following the entry of Italian troops into the capital, influential citizens will "co-operate" with the Italian military authorities in forming a "provisional government" at Tirana.

Meanwhile, continuing their advance inland, the southern column of Italian forces reached Elbasan, 25 miles south of Tirana on Saturday morning, while the northern column reached the Yugoslav-Albania border at 3.00 p.m.—Domel.

King Zog Deposed

Tirana, Apr. 9. The Italian Government announced that with the occupation of Albania by Italian forces, King Zog I is re-

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Chinese Converge On Canton

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About 25 miles north of Canton another Chinese column of regulars under the personal command of General Chang Fa-kwei, the well-known Iron-side General, have surrounded the Japanese positions in Kotong. Guerrilla warfare against the Japanese is spreading like wild fire in the areas with the arrival of the Chinese divisions.

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Another communiqué states that an Albanian Administrative Committee composed of "eminent Albanian officials and dignitaries" have taken over the administration of Albania temporarily.

Count Ciano returned to Rome to-day by air from Tirana and immediately called at the Palazzo Chigi.—Reuter.

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Archbishop Of Canterbury

"Excommunicated" By Nazi Church Leaders

BERLIN, Apr. 9. NAZI CHURCH leaders have "severed relations" with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

They accuse him of "anti-Nazi" agitations and Bolshevik tendencies. The Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, announced a statement published in the official Church Gazette, signed by Dr. Werner, President of the Supreme Council of the Evangelical Church, and the various church presidents and bishops.

The statement says that, according to newspaper reports, the Archbishop had declared himself in favour of co-operation between Great Britain and Soviet Russia, and that he had tried to form a united front of all Christian churches under the leadership of the Pope against the so-called German menace.—Reuter Special.

Thousands Fail To Qualify As Drivers

London.—Until a few years ago anyone who wanted to drive a motor car might do so—at least as far as getting a licence to drive one was concerned. In actual fact deaf men, dumb men and half-blind men, men subject to epileptic fits and all sorts of unfit people got licences merely by payment of the fee.

To-day it is different, and since providing that a plaintiff shall not recover (unless the judge orders otherwise) costs to a greater sum than the damages awarded to him. This should prove a great boon to newspapers.

If this Bill becomes law more or less as it stands, it will certainly do away with some legitimate grievances.

The other day the people in the city who are engaged in the wholesale tea trade celebrated the centenary of the arrival in the City, in Mincing Lane, on January 10, 1839, of the first consignment of Empire tea. On the rostrum in the auction room of the Tea Brokers' Association of London there appeared the notice: "The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Frank H. Bowater, Auctioneer, Mansion House, E.C.; and the Lord Mayor, magnificent in his robes and insignia, "auctioned" a silver casket of tea which will not be opened until January 10, 2039. The casket contained two pounds of tea, and the total of the bids for the tea was £1,150 (\$5,760), which will go to charities of the tea trade. The ownership of the casket remains with the association.

It is said that among the main causes of so many failures, especially among women, were lack of due care when entering major roads, inability to judge distances, hand signals badly given or not given at all, failure to keep up with traffic streams, thus causing unnecessary obstruction, and general lack of knowledge of the highway code.

The uncertainty of our law of libel has for years been a cause of complaint, and at very long last an attempt is to be made to remedy some of the mischiefs. That is to say, a "Bill to Amend the Law relating to Libel and Slander" has been tabled in the House of Commons, which, of course, may be a very different thing from getting it through Parliament and into the law.

Among other things, it is designed to relieve authors from liability in some cases. As the law at present stands, an author may, as he believes, invent a character's name, such a name as he thinks is not borne by any living person. To his cost, when the book is published he finds he is mistaken. Someone bearing that very name pops up from heaven knows where, in a libel action . . . damages. The Bill aims at protecting the author if he can prove that he had no intention of referring to the plaintiff; that he had no knowledge of the existence of the plaintiff, and that there was no want of reasonable care in failing to know of the existence of the plaintiff, or that he did not foresee, and there was no want of reasonable care in failing to foresee that the libel might reasonably be understood to refer to the plaintiff.

NECESSARY EVIDENCE
Another provision makes it necessary for a plaintiff to go into the witness-box and give evidence that the libel (or slander) he alleges has in fact done or may do harm to his reputation, and the defendant—subject to control by the judge—is enabled to show by evidence of specific facts that the plaintiff is not entitled to the reputation which he alleges has been injured.

Another clause discourages frivolous or unwarranted actions by

A REJECTED lover, Harry Crees, aged twenty-two walked into an Express Dairy in Fulham-road, S.W., recently, shot dead his ex-fiancée, eighteen-year-old Winifred Tedder, then ran into the yard behind the shop and killed himself with another bullet.

Ex-Fiancée Killed In Shop: Man Dies

Shots Fired After Quarrel In Dairy

At the City boundary the chests were transferred to drays. This is said to be symbolic of the meeting of East and West—but is much more likely to have been due to the opposition of the police to the elephants entering the City and dislocating traffic.

THE CORONATION SCOT

At the invitation of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway—the L.M.S.—I went the other day to see the newly completed train "coronation Scot," which is shortly to be sent to the United States for an exhibition tour of some 3,000 miles prior to being put on show at the World's Fair.

It certainly is a most magnificent piece of work, not only to the lay man, but from the standards of the many engineers and train construction people who were present. The other "Coronation Scot" trains which are at present on service are painted in blue and silver—background of blue with horizontal silver bands running from the streamlined front of the locomotive, where they converge, to the end of the train. In the present instance the train wears the standard L.M.S. livery of crimson lake with gold horizontal bands. Light high-tension steel has been used throughout the construction in order to provide great strength with light weight, the same object being helped by the large-scale use of welding.

The train on exhibition costs £13, which is less than the accommodation in the sister trains now in service; the weight of the train without the locomotive is 262 tons, and with the locomotive 428 tons, 9 cwt., and it is about 580 feet in length. Lilliputian figures when compared with transatlantic standards, but the train, both outside and inside, with the artistic beauty of its fittings, must be seen to be appreciated.

Refugee Boy's Night Walk With Letter To King

NEWCASTLE.

CRYING, in a state of collapse, and tightly clutching a letter to the King pleading for help in the release of his parents from a German concentration camp, a 14-year-old Jewish boy refugee was found by a watchman early recently on the Team Valley Trading Estate, where the King and Queen were due later.

The boy, Leo Levi, was unable to speak English and was desperately anxious that his letter should not be lost.

Leo, who is the son of a professor of mathematics in Germany, came to England several months ago, and has been staying at the Talmudical College in Gateshead.

HELP WITH THE LETTER

"One of the other boys knew that I wanted to send this letter," said Leo, "and my English was not too good, so he offered to write the letter for me. All I said was that I thanked the Queen for the refuge I had found in England and how happy I was here. I also said that I should very much like my father and mother to come to England as well."

"After the letter was written last night I stayed up until after midnight. Then I set off towards the Team Valley estate."

"On the fringe of the estate I met a man and I asked him where there was a letter box. Then police came along in a car."

The question of forwarding the letter to the King is being considered.

QUEEN INVITED TO TEA

Human incidents packed the royal programme to-day—the second of the three days which the King and Queen are spending on Tyneside. Alice Pegram, 10½-year-old mechanist in a clothing factory, on the Team Valley Trading Estate, told the King how to make a button-hole. Then she found to her dismay that the machine was not threaded.

Banquet Cartoons Seized

Police in Boston, U.S.A., recently raided a printing works and seized 300,000 cartoons of President Roosevelt.

Police Commissioner Timilty described the cartoon as "vulgar and obscene attack."



Visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to Washington early in June already is energizing many preparations in the White House. Here are the British sovereigns at Newcastle-on-Tyne, when King George launched the new battleship, George V.

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CONTROL OF FOREIGN TRAVEL

Auckland.

The Government is requiring applicants for funds for overseas travel to disclose all holdings of capital wherever held. Hitherto it has been necessary to declare only the cash in the country to be visited.

The railways show a working profit of £50,000 over a period of 10 weeks. The previous return showed a loss of £2,000.

JAMAICA

COST OF LABOUR TROUBLES

Kingston.

In any other country but America those responsible would have been put before a firing squad," he said.

The cartoons were to have been distributed at a Boston banquet.

Tourists Like "Down Under"

Canberra, Australia.

The urge to visit "down under" has become so great that during the past year more than \$10,000,000 had to be spent in building new hotels and improving others in New South Wales alone, in order to accommodate the increasing tourist traffic.

LIVER AND BACON AT 11:30 p.m.

BLESS MY SOUL! SAID THE JUDGE

SAID Mr. Justice Charles, in the King's Bench Division recently: "Bless my soul. Liver and bacon at 11:30 p.m. You cigar merchants are stout fellows!"

He had heard Mr. Louis Brooks, a cigar merchant, of Sackville Street, W., allege that he was thrown out of the Windsor Castle Divo and Oyster Bar in Victoria Street, S.W., after having a meal of liver and bacon.

A claim for assault damages by Mr. Brooks against Carr's (London) Ltd., owners of the premises, was dismissed with costs.

Mr. Brooks complained that while waiting for a taxi, after having missed his overcoat, he was seized and thrown out of the place.

NOCTURNAL UNEASE

Replies to Mr. J. D. Cassels, K.C. (for the defence), Mr. Brooks denied that he was abusive, and shouted at the top of his voice: "I will have the law on this house and the supervisor who let another man take my coat away."

A doctor gave evidence that, when he was called to see Mr. Brooks the day after the alleged assault, he was told that the plaintiff had been groaning all night.

The Judge: It may have been the liver and bacon nocturnal unease.

Mr. Justice Charles said he found,

GAS MASK FOOTBALL

WHEN a greengrocer sued a firm for damages, his wife told Lambeth County Court judge that men delivering gasmasks played football with one, and kicked it through the window.

The defence was that kicking a gasmask was not in the course of employment. The greengrocer lost his claim.

on the evidence, that Mr. Brooks acted in a disorderly and violent way. Refusing to leave, he was put out without the use of unreasonable force.



Lotte Krauss, refugee from Vienna, arrived in Miami, Fla., and got a job pushing a broom after hours in a night club. But someone heard her singing and soon the management told her to quit the broom and come up to the microphone.

Wife Volunteers For Bullet Test In Shelter

A YOUNG Birmingham wife recently volunteered to sit in a steel air-raid shelter while it was bombarded with bricks—and machine-gun bullets.

She is Mrs. Kathleen Hamilton, a 24-year-old city typist, of Yarningdale Road, King's Heath. "Why should I worry?" she said. "I'm sure I'll come through safely. I told my husband about it. He advised me not to go, but I'm going for the thrill of it."

The shelter, which is bell-shaped and made of heavy steel plate, was demonstrated by its manufacturers, a Birmingham firm.

One of the firm's executive and Mrs. Hamilton took part in the tests. The shelter has room for one person only.

Tons of masonry was collapsed on the shelter, which was placed inside a factory about to be demolished.

Mrs. Laurel Wants £27 For Food

New York. THE marital switchback of Stan Laurel, film comedian, has taken another sharp turn.

His third wife, Illiana, the Russian singer, stating he deserted her, has filed a renewal of her action started a few months ago, and asks for £170 a month alimony, with a house. She demands £110 for food, £13 for music lessons, £10 per doctor's bills, £10 for servants, £5 for laundry, and £20 miscellaneous expenses, in addition to the unstated cost of the rent.

"ENOUGH TROUBLE"

Laurel again left her, she says, after drinking heavily.

"As if I haven't enough trouble already with the Hal Roach case coming up," he said.

He is seeking £15,000 damages from Hal Roach Studios for alleged breach of contract. Roach's defense alleges that Laurel was discharged after violating the "morals" clause in his contract by drinking and ignoring studio calls to work.

Efforts are still going on to settle these differences and restore the Laurel and Hardy screen team again. But studio officials are hampered by continual changes in Laurel's marital arrangements.



When the Soviet freighter Chelyuskinets docked at Jersey City, N.J., four women were in her crew. They were: Stewardess Ullana Lebedeva, Radio Operator Elizabeth Georgopulo, Second-Mate Galina Gradskaia and Stewardess Nina Todary.

One Torpedo Drives Fleet From Baltic

Blow To Germany's 1915 Strategy

British submarines frequently penetrated to enemy waters during the Great War, in the face of all sorts of difficulties, and in at least one instance completely upset a campaign.

Full details of these exploits based on official sources, are given for the first time in "We Dive At Dawn," by Lt.-Cdr. K. P. M. Edwards, published recently (Rich and Cowan, 12s. 6d.).

The first British submarine to enter the Baltic, on Oct. 17, 1914, was E1, commanded by Lt.-Cdr. N. F. Laurence. In company with E9, Lt.-Cdr. Max Horton, he soon interrupted Germany's munitions traffic with Sweden. On Aug. 19, 1915, the Germans made a determined attempt to force their way into the Gulf of Riga, at the entrance to which E1 was patrolling.

"At 8:10 a.m. Laurence sighted German battle cruisers steaming in line abreast. He did not have much time, for the visibility was only two miles, and the enemy were steaming fast; but 10 minutes after sighting the enemy he fired a torpedo at the Seydlitz, the starboard wing ship of the enemy squadron.

"It was only possible to get off one torpedo, for E1 had only one bow tube. Moreover, Laurence was not given time to turn to fire a beam tube; in his own words, 'E1 immediately went deep to avoid being rammed by a destroyer which passed within a few feet.'

THE MOLTKE OUT OF ACTION

Actually the torpedo missed the Seydlitz, but hit the Moltke, the next ship in the line, flooding her forward torpedo room and killing eight men. As soon as she was hit Admiral Hipper turned his entire force and returned to Danzig, where the Moltke was found to have shipped 450 tons of water. She was out of action for a month in consequence. According to the German official history:

"The whole operations were at once suspended, and two days later an Imperial order directed that the ships of the High Sea Fleet were to leave the Baltic."

Thus E1's one torpedo led to the withdrawal of the naval forces on whose support the German army had been relying, and the operations against Riga were not renewed until October, 1917.

Cmdr. Laurence, as he soon afterwards became, was sent for by the Tsar, who thanked him personally and said, "You have saved our city of Riga." He is now Vice-Admiral Sir Noel Laurence, the Admiral Commanding Reserves.

11 TUBE PHILCO-TROPIC

Shanghai Engagement

THE engagement is announced between Miss Sylva Rapozo, London, and Mr. Robert Gascoline who is a subaltern in the Seaforthis and is stationed in Shanghai. They have not seen each other for nearly eighteen months.

Miss Rapozo, dark and twenty-two years old, was presented when she was seventeen. She has been doing a lot of V.A.D. work at home lately and her two chief interests in life are riding and Highland dancing. This last is probably just as well, as she is marrying a Scot and will probably have to live "among those baritans."

They got engaged by post, and Miss Rapozo will soon arrive in China.



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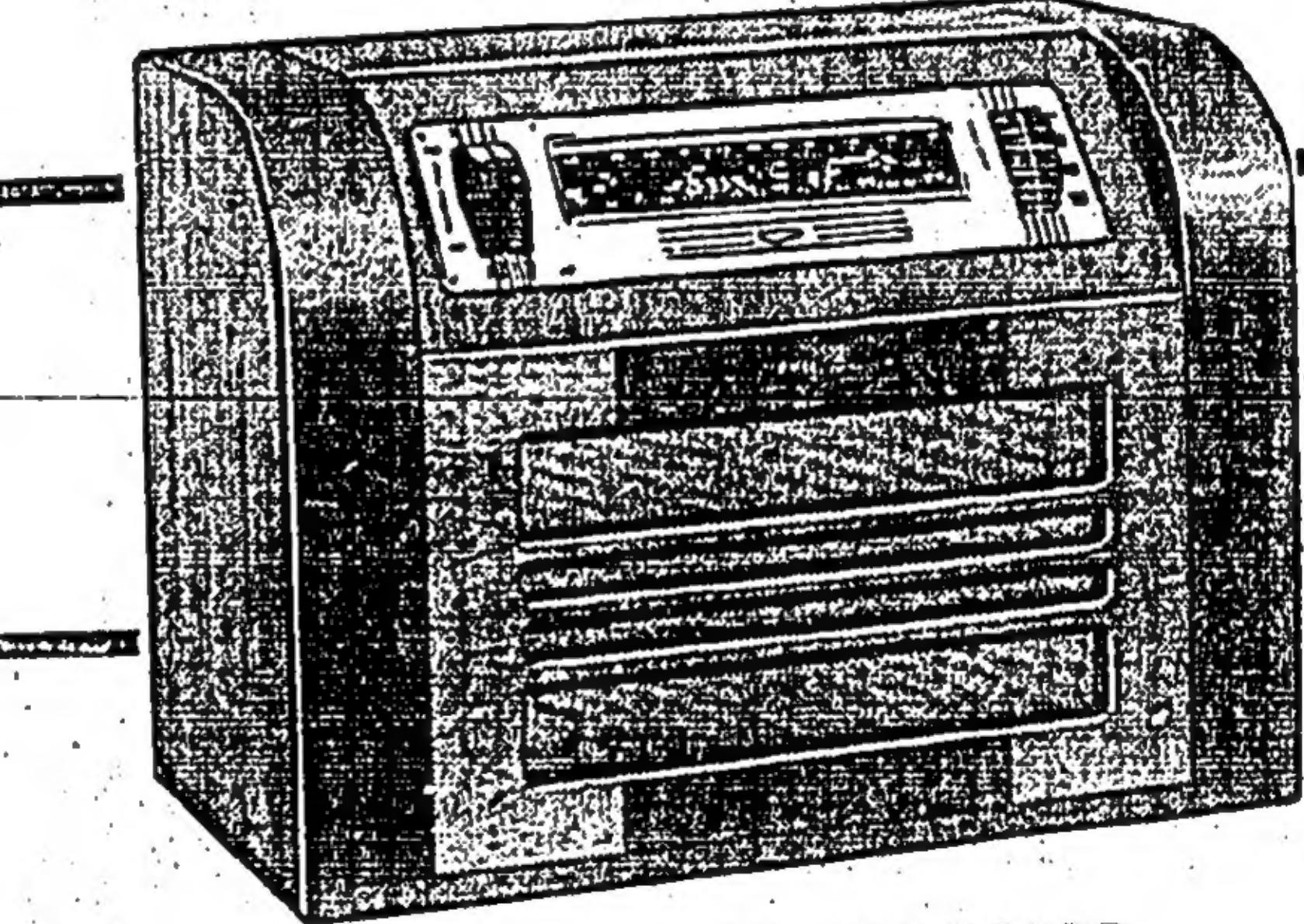
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EMPIRE NEWS
U.S. AID IN DEFENCE OF CANADA

Ottawa.
I understand that the Canadian Government is planning to establish a fleet of fast motor torpedo boats similar to those adopted by the British Navy, which will be concentrated on the Atlantic coast, especially in the vicinity of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

There is speculation in defence circles as to what extent co-operation for defence between the United States and Canada—in which the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, made reference in the House of Commons recently—has been carried.

The Premier said that no commitments had been undertaken by either country, but that close contact was being maintained.

A reliable informant, however, told me that tactical plans were being formed along the lines of ensuring the greatest possible security for the North American continent.

He said that the United States Fleet would keep a watchful eye on Canadian waters.

INDIA

CONGRESS DEMAND TO BRITAIN

Jalpaiguri, Bengal.
A resolution urging the All-India Congress to send a six months' ultimatum to the British Government in which to answer categorically "India's national demand" for the right to frame her own constitution by means of a constituent assembly was passed by the Bengal Congress Political Conference here.

If there were no reply from Great Britain, or the reply was unsatisfactory, the Congress, it was pointed out, would consider itself justified in resorting to whatever action it deemed necessary to enforce that demand.

BAHAMAS

SPONGE INDUSTRY THREATENED

Nassau.
It was announced recently that Dr. Galtsoff, Senior Scientist on the Bureau of Fisheries at Washington, has been selected by the United States Government to collaborate with the Bahamas Sponge Fishers Department in investigating the mysterious malady which threatens to destroy the sponge industry in the Bahamas.

AUSTRALIA

GROWING INFUX OF CAPITAL

Sydney.
The Federal Treasurer, Mr. Casey, states that the importation of overseas capital, which now commonly takes the form of the establishment of new or the extension of existing factories in Australia, is continuing at a satisfactory rate.

Although precise figures are not available, it is estimated that capital coming into Australia from all overseas' source amounts to about £10,000,000 a year.

During the last few years half of this has come from New Zealand, and expert opinion here inclines to the view that the influx from there is already rapidly increasing as a result of the new trade restrictions put into force by the New Zealand Government.

JAMAICA

FUGITIVES FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND

Kingston.
Two French fugitives from Devil's Island, the French penal settlement, were rescued recently from the uninhabited Pedro Cay, south of Jamaica, where they had spent six weeks.

Along with two others who were able to reach the island two days ago, they travelled 75 miles by sea in an open boat, and reached the north coast of Jamaica.

The men left Jamaica some time in December in an effort to reach Mexico after landing here from French Guiana. They are now in hospital under treatment for exhaustion.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.

General Managers,
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, April 22nd, 1939, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

ALBANIA AS "MANDATE"

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Ied Count Halifax to see Signor Crolla three times to-day.

It is stated in authoritative circles that Viscount Halifax left Signor Crolla in no doubt with regard to the serious view taken by the British Government in view of Italian action in Albania, and also with regard to the strength of British feeling on the subject.

One note has been taken officially of the assurances given by Signor Crolla, and Lord Perin has been informed of them and also of the general tenor of the conversations, which, it is understood, covered any and every kind of rumour.

Anxiety Decreases

It may be stated that anxieties over the situation are now somewhat less than they were this morning.

Official circles have nothing to say on the possible effect of Italian action in Albania on future British policy, which will doubtless be discussed at to-morrow's Cabinet meeting.

Anxiety for the safety of Sir A. Ryan, the British Minister to Albania, has been dispelled by receipt of news from him dated from Durazzo.

The foregoing authoritative information can apparently be interpreted as indicating a slight easing in anxiety.—Reuters.

American Denunciation

Washington, April 8.—Both President Roosevelt and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, have denounced the invasion of Albania as a threat to world peace.

The denunciation was contained in a formal statement after Mr. Hull held a telephone consultation with the President at Warm Springs.

The text of the denunciation, in part, is as follows:—

"The forcible and violent invasion of Albania is unquestionably an additional threat to world peace.

"It would be short-sighted not to take sight of this further development.

"Any threat to world peace seriously concerns all nations and violates the will of all people that their governments shall lead them, not towards war, but in the paths of peace."

"It is scarcely necessary to add that the inevitable effect of this incident, taken with similar incidents, will further destroy the confidence and undermine the economic stability of every country in the world, thus affecting our own welfare."

Mr. Hull evaded a direct answer to the question as to whether the United States considers the invasion of Albania a clear violation of the Kellogg-Briand Pact.

However, his attitude has not left any doubt that he considers the invasion a violation of the pact.

In answering questions, Mr. Hull particularly emphasised the opening words of the text as an unqualified description of the Italian action.—United Press.

Gandhi Launches "Aid China" Move

CHUNGKING, April 9.

Mahatma Gandhi has launched a nation-wide campaign in India for funds for the relief of the teeming Chinese refugees rendered destitute and homeless by Japan's aggressive war, according to a message from India.

The Indian leader not long ago contributed a large amount of money for the purchase of ambulances for the Red Cross units on the China front.—Central News.

THOUGHT IS FREE IN ENGLAND

"But Justice Must Be Firm With Terrorists"

SUMMING-UP recently in the trial of the first nine men on explosives charges at the Old Bailey Mr. Justice Humphreys said:

"There is complete freedom of thought in this country, and any person who takes the view that Ireland, Scotland or the Isle of Man or the Isle of Wight ought to be severed from the British Crown and become a republic is perfectly entitled to hold that view.

"Moreover such a person is entitled to express his views and by writing or by speech to induce others if he can to be converted to his views. All that is permissible and that is what is called political propaganda.

THE NEED TO BE FIRM
"When a person ceases to employ constitutional methods of altering the position of part of a British Dominion and employs method of terrorism, incendiarism, causing of explosions, and rendering the life of respectable law-abiding citizens impossible, then it is that the Crown invites those who are responsible for the administration of the criminal law to act firmly in doing what they can to suppress such illegal and dangerous acts.

"Let it be clearly understood that in this trial the question whether there should be an Irish republic or not has absolutely nothing whatever to do with it.

"THESE DAYS OF SO CALLED EDUCATION"

"These men are in the dock because it is alleged against them rightly or wrongly, that they used methods which cannot be tolerated for a moment in any civilised country.

"You and I need not stop to consider whether it really is possible in these days of education, or so-called education, that people can really and honestly hold the view that they are assisting their country to become a republic by destroying the telephones, electric lights, the public buildings, and the private buildings of people who live in another country.

"It may appear to be a perfectly ridiculous question, and we need not stop to discuss it.

ENTITLED TO BE PATRIOTIC

"These men no doubt regard themselves as patriots. They have said so. Let them be patriots. Let every Irishman who thinks there ought to be an Irish Republic be a patriot. They are perfectly entitled to be.

"But what these men are charged with is committing a criminal offence."

The judge said the first count against the men of conspiring to cause explosions was the more important. The second count of conspiring to commit arson added nothing to the case. It would not add one day to the punishment of anyone.

"GLORIED IN WHAT HE DID"

Speaking of the accused men individually, the judge said Stuart had been called "Operations Officer, Britain".

Count Clano also arrived by air-plane to-day.

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In the main square, Count Clano reviewed a detachment of machine gunners, tall Grenadiers and short Bersaglieri, in their feathered hats.

The review included armoured cars, motor cycles with machine guns on the handle bars, troop trucks, squads of soldiers on bicycles as well as squads of mountain artillery, while pursuit planes and bombers manoeuvred overhead.

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It is also reported that many officers have surrendered and announced their willingness to serve Italy.—United Press.

Easter Leave Cancelled

Demonstrations In Birmingham

Cardiff, April 8.—The police departments of Cardiff and Newport cancelled all Easter leave after receiving information from the Birmingham police regarding I.R.A. activities.

Extra police guards have been placed along the railways, in the dockyards of both towns.—United Press.

ALBANIAN RESISTANCE ENDS: KING ZOG SEEKS SANCTUARY IN GREECE

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that his return to Albania might provoke disturbances.

Air Infantrymen

The Italians landed an entire regiment of Grenadiers, totalling about 3,000 men, from aircraft—one of the biggest troop movements ever accomplished via air.

Thousands of bewildered Albanians, mainly women and children witnessed as new tri-motored bombers landed as they wheeled and halted.

The tall fully equipped Grenadiers emerged and formed a line of parade formation, many carrying machine-guns which they swiftly assembled.

The Italians pasted posters on the walls of public buildings, condemning King Zog and hailing Signor Mussolini. It is reported that King Victor Emanuel of Italy will be given additional powers which will be tantamount to make Albania an integral part of the Italian Empire.—United Press.

Last City Falls

Tirana, April 9.—It has been announced that Italian troops have occupied El Basson, the last city to resist General Alfredo Guzzoni, the Field Commander of the occupation of Albania, who arrived by airplane from Durazzo this afternoon and immediately set up his headquarters here.

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To Leave Greece

Salonika, April 9.—Headed by King Zog, Queen Geraldine, with members of the Government, proceeded from Florina by train to-day towards Larissa on the railway line to Athens without stopping here.

An Athens message says that it is intended that King Zog and Queen Geraldine will leave Greece as soon as possible.—Reuters.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS

Philippines Probably Meet Australia

Manila, April 9.

The Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation have announced that the Philippines Davis Cup tennis team will meet Australia somewhere in California on July 15, 1939, that is assuming that the Australians will defeat Mexico in the first round of the North American Zone.—United Press.

TENNIS CHAMPION

Johannesburg, April 8.

E. Sturges, of Southern Transvaal, became the youngest player ever to play in the South African lawn tennis singles championship when he beat E. Fannin, the Springbok Davis Cup player by 6-2, 6-7, 3-6, 6-0, 7-5.—Reuters.

Hungarians In Slovakia

Budapest, April 8.—Hungarian troops have marched into Slovakia and formally took over in the name of Hungary, the territory gained in the Slovak-Hungarian agreement.—United Press.

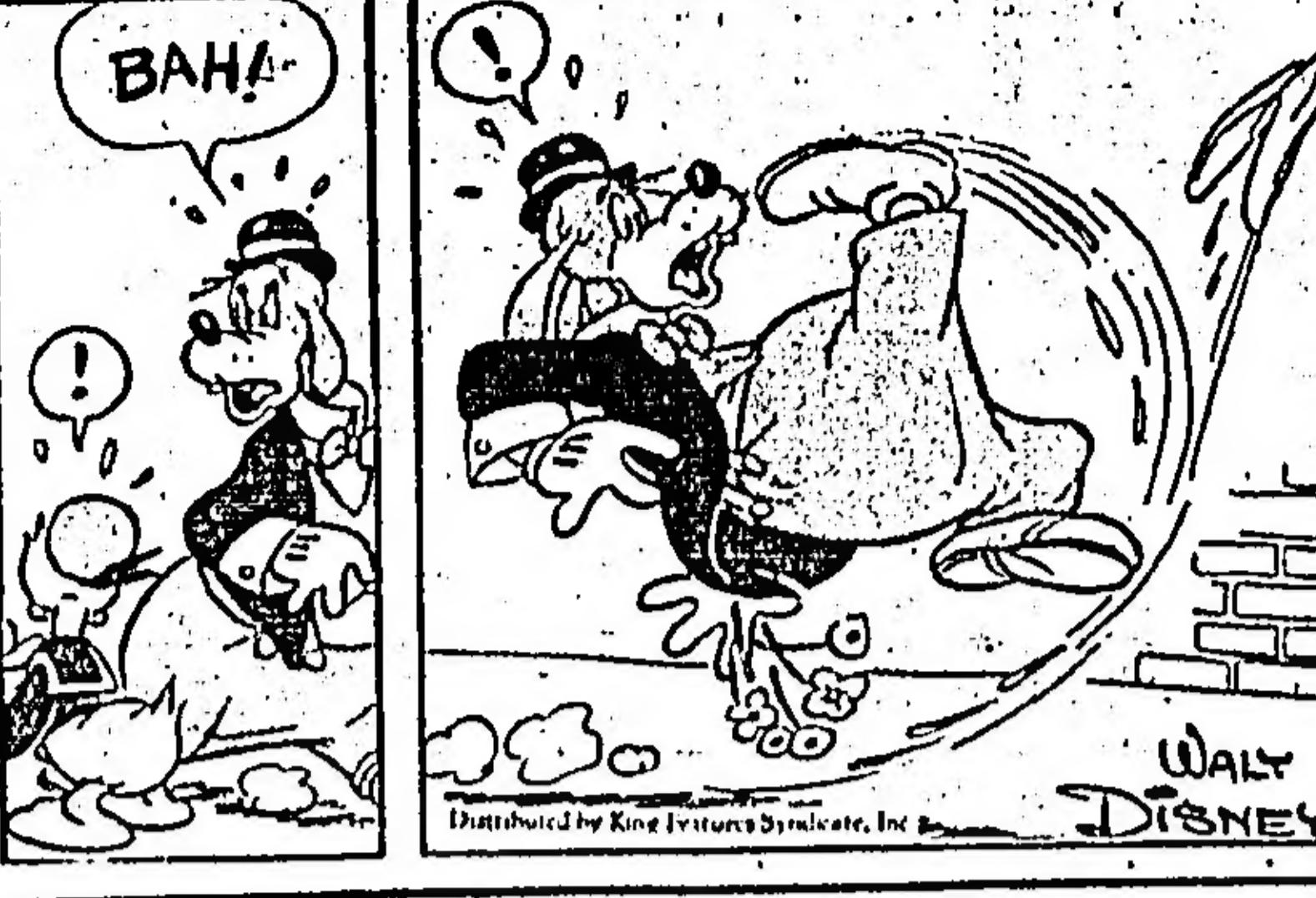
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Conditions Reviewed At Annual Meeting

The Eighty-Fifth Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was held at the Bank's premises, 38, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

Mr. A. d'Anvers Willis (the Chairman) in the course of his speech said:—Turning to the profit and loss account, you will find that our net profit for the year amount to £335,300, against £491,005 the year ago, a decrease of approximately £156,000, and I would also point out, although possible, it is quite unnecessary, that the figure of £335,300 includes a transfer from contingencies account to meet depreciation on Government securities. I shall now endeavour to explain to you the adverse factors that have brought about this reduction in profit.

There has been a decreased volume of trade in various spheres where we operate, but it is the deteriorating business conditions in China and Japan, which have been our chief concern. Most of you have followed events there closely, and I need not elaborate on these at the moment. I need only say that ordinary commercial trading, which it has been our business to finance, has in the past 18 months been seriously disturbed. If this seemed to be a passing phase, or if we could visualize a return to more normal conditions in the near future, we would be happier. I refer later on to the introduction of a new currency into North China, and the endeavour to force unwilling traders to confine their finance dealings to Japanese banks in the new currency. This is a portent of interference with normal trading which we cannot ignore in relation to the future success of our business in China, and particularly North China.

Further, during the last two years there has been a very substantial fall in the price of Government securities, of which our holdings, as I have mentioned in previous years, consist largely of short-dated stocks. Here again it is not possible to be optimistic about the future.

The Dividend

With these considerations in view your directors, after making the necessary provision for bad and doubtful accounts out of current profits, decided that the current profits for the year should be charged with the amount required to write down securities to market value and to transfer from contingencies account the balance required to provide for the proposals submitted to you.

I need hardly say how much my fellow directors the management, and I regard this proposal of a reduced dividend, but I am sure that our conservative policy will in the circumstances receive your full approval. I sounded a note of warning in my speech last year regarding the difficulty of working probably in China and Japan and the reduction of our interim dividend from 7 per cent. to 5 per cent. in September was therefore probably not altogether a surprise to you.

You will observe in the balance sheet against our holding of P. & O. Banking Corporation, Limited, shares a note stating that "a contract has been entered into for the purchase of the undertaking of the P. & O. Banking Corporation, Limited, with effect from 1st February, 1939."

The P. & O. Bank, with their head office in London and with branches in India, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, and China, covered a field already served by branches of the Chartered Bank. Under conditions of expanding trade between Great Britain and these territories, and between these territories themselves, there would probably have been ample room for the two institutions. With adverse economic conditions, however, such as we have had since 1931, and, as far as we can judge, without prospects of substantial betterment in the near future, your directors have naturally had under serious consideration for some time the desirability of the actual merging of the business of the P. & O. Bank into the business of the Chartered

Losses Of £1,000 A Day

JAPANESE RAIDERS SHOT DOWN

(Continued from Page 7.)

BRADFORD. ALLEGATIONS that the £6,000,000 Bradford Dyers' Association, the great textile syndicate, was losing £1,000 a day due to gross mismanagement were made at a stormy annual meeting of the Association here recently.

The balance-sheet for 1938 showed a trading loss of £240,000, which the chairman, Mr. George Douglas, attributed to severe reduction in yardage due to subsidised foreign competition.

Opposing the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. A. P. Nichol, who said he was a large holder of stock in the Association, described the result of the year's working as appalling and disastrous, and in his opinion showed gross mismanagement, incompetence and certainly a lack of very necessary business acumen. (Cries of "Hear, hear.")

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Mr. Frank Yount, one of the company's auditors, asked to express his opinion, said: "I think you have a magnificent staff from top to bottom, and others from the vicinity of Bradford, also met with disaster, in spite of assistance from Japanese planes and temporary success. The defeat of the second Japanese expedition was due to the arrival of Kwangtung regulars.

When the resolution that the report and accounts be adopted was put to the meeting it was lost by a large majority and a poll was demanded.

The poll adopted the report and balance sheet by 183,879 votes to 53,804 against.

The maintenance of a stable currency in China is of the utmost importance to British trade, and the announcement made in Parliament on March 8 by the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding the formation of a currency stabilization fund of £10,000,000, in which this bank will participate under the guarantee of H.M. Treasury, will doubtless be welcomed as a means towards this end.

Unfortunately, this fund will not influence, except indirectly, the position in North China, which, I understand, forms the subject of vigorous protests addressed to Japan by the Governments of this country and of the United States of America and France. The fact that, as already stated, the rate of exchange in the Shanghai market has been maintained on a relatively stable basis since June last, with only moderate and intermittent support, gives reason to hope that, in spite of the many uncertainties of the position, the stabilization fund will prove successful.

The Outlook

Having given you an outline of the principal features affecting trade in the major zones where we have branches, I would like to make brief reference to one matter which seems to me to have a bearing on the future of international trade. This is the new Anglo-American Trade Agreement. It might perhaps refer to it as a British Empire-American Trade Agreement, as its terms are not confined to trade between the United States and Great Britain. Now here is an endeavour by two great communities to improve and simplify the conditions that govern the interchange of commodities in order that trade may be encouraged and developed, and so bring material advantages to all concerned.

I also welcome the decision of our Government to secure for the Export Credit Guarantee Department wider powers to provide a similar measure of assistance to the export trades of this country. If only we could get rid of international tension and strife it would indeed not be difficult to visualize a welcome improvement in world trade, with better prices for primary commodities and a consequent rise in the standard of living in the Eastern countries in which we are so much interested.

The report and accounts were

unanimously adopted; the retiring directors and auditors were re-elected and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, directors, management, and staff.

A subsequent Extraordinary

General Meeting proposals for the renewal of the bank's charter were submitted in the form of a resolution which was carried unanimously.

EASTER FESTIVAL

Special Church Services Throughout Colony

While the majority accepted Easter as just a welcome holiday, Holy Week was observed in churches throughout the Colony with special devotion.

Eyewitness Account

Macau, April 9.

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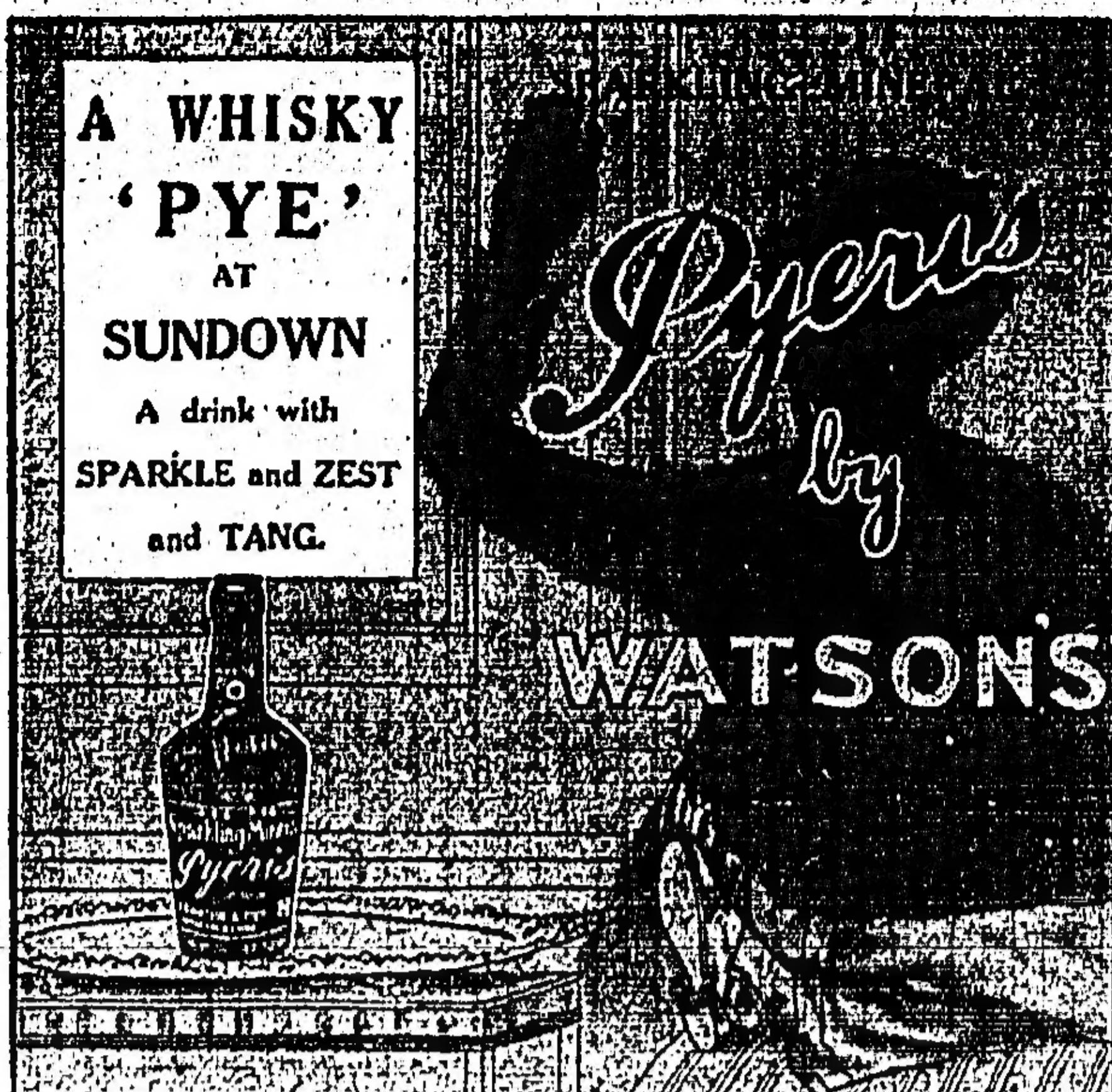
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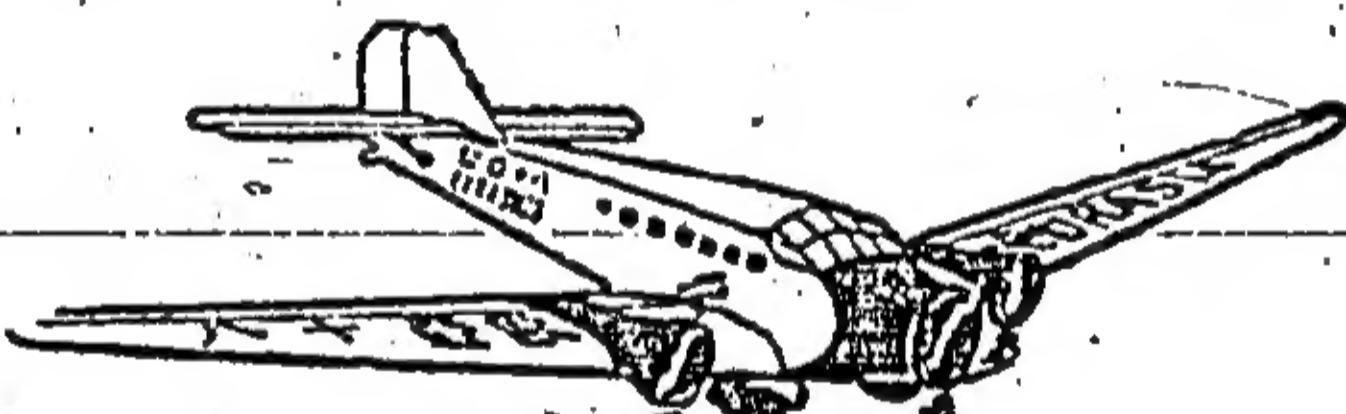
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The Sword Rules

ALBANIA writhes helplessly
in Signor Mussolini's hand.No help will come to Tirana
from anywhere. Not from Belgrade or Budapest, her
neighbours. Not from London, not from Paris, not from Moscow.

Tirana knows that.

In the Totalitarian States, law,
justice, mercy do not exist.
The sword exists, and the sword
rules.How far the two Totalitarians
will go is not yet clear. In past
months charges have been laid
against the "Telegraph" for
publishing "United Press" des-
patches regarding Hitler's and
Mussolini's intentions in Europe.To-day we can give this Ameri-
can Agency credit for fore-
warning to the very date the German
annexation of Moravia and
Bohemia. It told us four days
beforehand of Mussolini's intention
of carrying the sword into
Albania. It tells us this morn-
ing that within a week German
troops will enter Danzig. We
pray that this latter prediction
is wrong—for Danzig meansThe divorced men are mostly
in the services (22 per cent.),
the artistic professions (18 per
cent.), the leisure classes (16
per cent.), or commercial travel-
lers (14 per cent.).Four out of five divorced
women marry bachelors. They
are usually between twenty-five
and thirty-five, and they marry
men about the same age.Are these second marriages
happy? It's difficult to say—but
how many people do you
know who go through the
divorce courts twice? Not many,
I think.How it goes further. It de-
mands power—power for its own
sake, for the sheer pleasure of
exercising it. The material con-
cession, the instruction accepted,
are secondary.It is the act of submission, the
salute of slave to master, for
which the dictators lust. You
recall that Hitler made trium-
phant entries into Prague and
Memel as soon as they fell to the
Nazi sword. You read that
Mussolini plans the same entry
to-day into Tirana.The conquered must cry "Hell
Hitler", "Viva, Il Duce."No grievance, true or false,
matters. The humiliation of
brave opponents, that is what is
wanted.Most look around for what is
coyly referred to as Number 2.

Who will be next?

Whether they lose their partners by
divorce or death—

3 out of 5 marry again

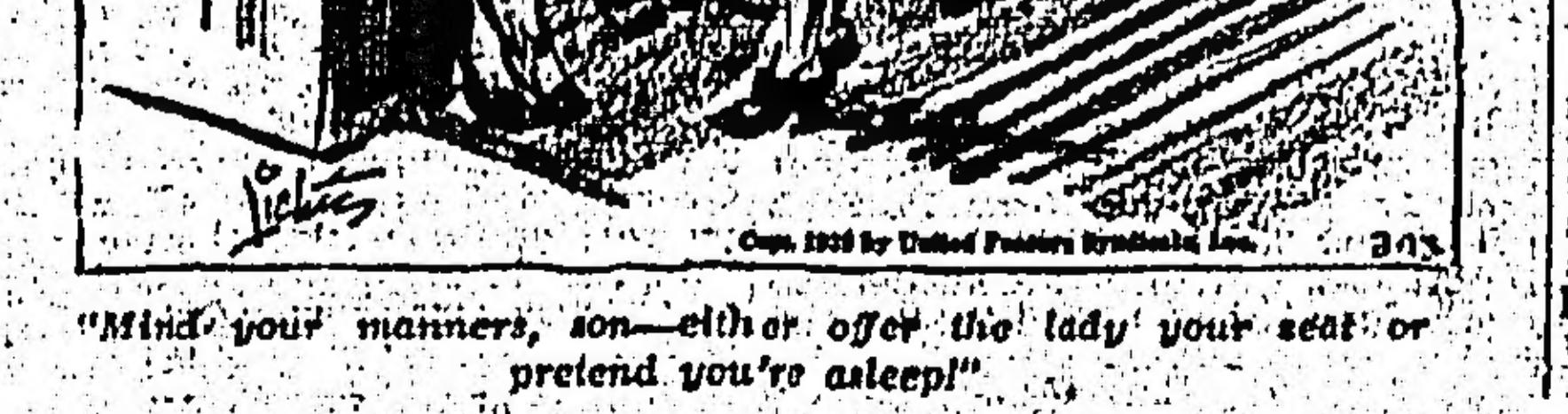
and nearly all divorced
women marry bachelorsTheir chances of remarriage are
much better than they were.SINCE 1900 the eligible
age of a widow has
been lengthened by five years.But they have a lot of trou-
bles. Men think them fair
game, and women suspect them
of stealing their men.They must find widowers sym-
pathetic. Rather more than
half the widows who get mar-
ried marry widowers. In 1935,
7,931 married widows, 7,248
married bachelors.The average widow has a
pretty thin time. Not many
men leave enough to keep their
wives in comfort.They aren't trained for the
well-paid jobs. Being able to
run a house doesn't mean much
in the labour market.Here is the result of a ques-
tionnaire sent to thirty-eight of
them asking them to describe
themselves and what they did.Seven of them have their own
businesses, six others are in
jobs. The others have nothing to
do but run a half-empty home.The questionnaire was sent to
people of all classes, and if you
come to think of it, the result is
just about what you'd expect.Look around the wives you know
and you'll find about one in three
who seems capable of getting
and doing a job.The oldest one has a medium
figure, dresses well, is healthy,
likes home and outdoor life, owns
an hotel near London. Herideal: a cheerful, steady man
about her own age, with a suffi-
cient income.But she'll probably marry a
kind-hearted man, has no objection to a widower with
children. But she'll probably
marry a bachelor a year younger
than herself. Young widows
(average age thirty-nine) usually
do that, according to the Blue-
books.The youngest is thirty-one,
with fair complexion, dark
brown hair, medium build,
athletic, fond of all sport. He
is even-tempered, quiet, home-
loving. And getting £1,000 a
year.He wants a well-educated, attrac-
tive girl, medium height and
figure, well dressed, fond of golf,
tennis, even-tempered and affectionate.He's likely to get more or less
what he wants. His income is
no drawback. And up to forty-
six widowers usually marry
spinsters.The oldest one is a J.P.,
height five feet ten
inches, slim, upright, grey hair,
aquiline features, intelligent,
alert, youthful manner. He's a
good mixer, travelled, tolerant.
His £400 a year income is in-
creasing and he wants to meet a
healthy and active woman of
thirty-five to fifty-five. She
must be a good hostess, have a
sweet disposition and an income
for her own use.He'll probably get a widow.
Elderly widowers (average age
fifty-five) usually do.WIDOWS don't seem to
be out for adventure.
They want men who are steady,
quiet, home-loving, loyal, sincere,
cheerful.They don't seem very fussy,
though one of them bars beards,
one or two ask for T's.That's what they want. Now
let's see what they get.Take a look at the widowers:
24,267 widowers got married in
1935; two out of three of them
married spinsters, the rest widows.HERE'S how forty-two
widowers replied when
they were asked to describe
themselves.They're mostly quiet sort of
men, five feet eight inches high.
Only ten of them go in for sport,
dancing, and a lot of social life.
The others mostly describe
themselves as steady, and home-
loving, which ought to suit the
widows.They don't want to marry
young girls, they want some one
about thirty-five. Only six
want their wives to be under
thirty, and they are young them-
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Anthony Cotterell

MR. PEPPYS IN HONGKONG

March 23rd.—This day, being now
seven days since my dentist did draw
my teeth, I do persuade my chy-
rurgeon that he doth discharge me
from the Hospital, after some five
weeks, and so, I having more leisure,
it seems fitting I should resume writing
in my diary and so I do, once
more take up my pen. But Lord!
affairs do seem so parlous in Europe
that I am in some doubt how far
I may continue theron. For this day
comes news of the occupation of
Memel and what shall come of it all
I know not. Home betimes and to
my chamber where all seems as
before, but the garden is ruined by
the fogge which makes me sad at
heart.24th.—Much fogge and as I walk
in the garden I find all ruined save
the daffodils and roses which do
pretty well to my green pleasure.
But the bulbs of last year doth fail
of flowering and I perceive that all
must be treated as annuals here.
Reading by the fire and again early
to bed.25th.—Up betimes but it is an ill
day and later the rain falls heavily, so
that I must needs go home and so
fall to reading by the fire and so
early to bed.26th.—Much fogge and as I walk
in the garden I find all ruined save
the daffodils and roses which do
pretty well to my green pleasure.
But the bulbs of last year doth fail
of flowering and I perceive that all
must be treated as annuals here.
Reading by the fire and again early
to bed.27th.—Reading in the news sheets
this day I do find little comfort in
Signor Mussolini's speech, when he
doth declare his belief in arms. And
I am minded of the saying that
those who take the sword shall
perish by the sword. But it is
told in history that Dictators
can but maintain themselves by
martial success as Napoleon did andit is rumoured that the Chitral will
be turned about and take on her
passengers and freight. But in truth
it seems her fortune is pretty ill as
upon her maiden voyage she did
touch the mud in the Thames.31st.—At last comes news that
the war in Spain is over after
well nigh three years. And I trust
the war-torn country may
now get repose and the Spanish
nation find itself again. And all do
wait to see if the Italian volunteers
do go home again.April 1st.—The Canton is come
into port with a great gash in her
side and to-morrow the Chitral
sails for home, the first time I ever
do remember a P. & O. to sail on
a Sunday. To Kowloon to see the
Recreo play the Navy at Cricket
and though they strike pretty ill their
two chyurgeons Mr. H. Ozorio and
Mr. E. Conner do deliver them,
bowling mighty well. This night, we, of
Cambridge, do late mighty with
Oxford, we having won the boat-
race. A pleasant dinner but Lord!
I do find none of the younger men
do come forth and sing as their
elders do. Home pretty late by
motor-hackney and so to bed.2nd. (Lord's Day).—A strange day,
hot and foggy in the forenoon and a
great storm of rain at luncheon after
which it grows cold but is clearer.
Mistress Day with luncheon and after
the plays with my godson John
David, who approves her mighty.3rd.—This day my dentist doth fit
my teeth and it is I believe a handy
piece of craftsmanship as it doth take
me seven minutes to remove them
and ten to replace them. But I
am mighty glad to find I can
hold my tobacco-pipe. To the Tum-
per to take my farewell glass of wine with

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

EAST ASIA LEAGUE

Tokyo, Apr. 9.
The motion for the organization of an "East Asia Great City League" was unanimously adopted at the conference of 10 Mayors of Japan, Manchukuo, and China on Saturday. A preparatory office for the organization will be established in Tokyo. The Asian Municipal League will formally be inaugurated at Tokyo in October, 1940.—Domel.

Italy

Pope's New Peace Appeal

Rome, Apr. 9.
Pope Pius XII, after the solemn celebration of Easter Mass this forenoon, read in the basilica of St. Peter's an Easter peace message addressed to individuals, peoples and rulers of nations.

The Pope pointed out that to-day tension and excitement reign everywhere in the world and nobody knows whether we were not on the eve of a catastrophe. How can international peace be preserved, the Pope asked, if in some countries there is no peace at home, with innumerable men out of work and contrasting their poverty with the luxury of a few selected classes?

How can peace be maintained, he continued, if between nations there is no mutual understanding, no mutual confidence, no goodwill?

The Pope emphasised that justice and peace were inseparable, and that without order within the countries international peace was impossible.

His Holiness therefore addressed to all individuals, peoples and rulers of nations this appeal to restore justice and charity in the world—Trans-Ocean.

Eve of Worse Days

Vatican City, Apr. 9.
The Pope said, "A sense of restlessness and discontent agitates the souls of men as if we are on the eve of worse days. In truth, there cannot exist that tranquillity and order which constitutes peace even when the sons of the same land are divided by strife and clashing of party interests."

"When many without employment, bereft of the necessities of life, become an easy prey to subversive doctrines and organisations, there cannot be peace, nor can there be peace if among nations there is lacking mutual understanding which alone can encourage and impel peoples along the ways of civil progress or can it exist if solemnly sanctioned pacts and the pledged word have lost that security and value which is the indispensable basis of reciprocal confidence and without which the ardently desired disarmament, material and moral, becomes with each passing day less possible of realisation."

"The remedy against such great evils is the entry into the souls of men of Christ, in whom peace and justice embrace and the fruit of justice is peace."

"Only thus," concluded His Holiness, "will they return to the way of mutual friendly understanding, where just interests will be evaluated and all with goodwill and appreciation where there will be no shirking of sacrifices for the good of the human family, and where will reign supreme goodwill and exemplary fidelity to the pledged word!"—Reuter.

Japan

GOODWILL FLIGHT STARTS

Tokyo, Apr. 9.
Carrying gifts from the Emperor and Empress and Japanese Government leaders to the Crown Prince of Iran on the occasion of the latter's adding the monoplane, Soyoukaze (Zephyr) of the Japan Aviation Corporation took off from the Haneda International Airport in the outskirts of Tokyo at 7.13 a.m. (Tokyo time) to-day on a "goodwill" flight to Teheran.

The plane will reach Taihoku, capital of Taiwan, this afternoon to conclude the first leg of its flight. A ceremony was held on Friday afternoon at the Haneda aerodrome to christen the goodwill plane in the presence of high officials of the Imperial Household Ministry, the Foreign, War, and Navy Ministries, and other Government offices.

Mr. Suehiko Shiroh, the Minister of Communications, christened the plane, "Soyoukaze."

The plane will fly from Tokyo to Teheran, the capital of Iran, via Taihoku, Canton, Bangkok, Calcutta, Sodpur, Karachi, Basra, and Bagdad.

Cherry Tree Protection

Extraordinary care will be taken by the crew on the flight so as to prevent a cherry tree in full bloom

The Latest European Crisis

ALBANIA IS SUBDUE: YUGO-SLAVIA MAY BE NEXT VICTIM

Albania, on the east side of the Adriatic Sea, has been taken under the control of Italy. Little resistance was offered to the invaders, who occupied Tirana, the capital, and other cities at the week-end.

The invasion has shocked the entire civilised world and there was considerable diplomatic activity in the chancelleries of Europe. The British Cabinet assembled while Mr. Chamberlain, who was holidaying in Scotland, hurried back to London. The move was not surprising but the occupation is treated as a most serious alteration in the European situation.

French circles forecast German action in Yugo-Slavia as the next move of the Dictator nations.

Moslems throughout the world are indignant at the invasion of a peaceful Moslem country. The aggression is described as the act of savages and like the invasions of barbarians.

The Press of Italy and Germany approve of the action of Mussolini. Papers in Rome claim that troops were sent to defend Italians against violence in Albania. Germany is said to be solidly behind Rome.

Yugo-Slavia is said to be prepared for a united resistance to any Italian thrust at her through Albania.

The invasion is condemned in the United States where it is suggested that an arms embargo may be enforced against Italy.

Britain and Poland are prepared to enter into a reciprocal pact to replace the present temporary assurances given to Poland.

Germany is said to be strengthening her garrisons on the Polish border.

Paris, Apr. 9.
The events which occurred in Tirana prior to the Italian occupation are described in *Le Journal* today, which states that King Zog before leaving the Albanian capital freed and armed the convicts who promptly looted the Royal palace, as well as other residences.

Early on Saturday morning some of the Albanian police officers under Italian command restored order, arrested the marauders, and reopened the regular post, telegraph and telephone services. Shortly afterwards high Albanian officials and Albanian journalists got in touch with the Italian Legation and assured the *Charge d'Affaires* that the sound-minded part of the Albanian population sided fully with Italy.

A Reuter report from London says that Switzerland, Greece and Yugo-Slavia have followed the example of the Netherlands in ordering partial mobilisation.

NEXT MOVE MAY BE SEEN IN YUGO-SLAVIA

Paris, Apr. 9.
As Mussolini's seizure of Albania is the thrust of a dagger into the heart of the Balkans the Chancelleries of Europe believe it will be Hitler's turn for the next move by the Dictators, with the licking up of Yugo-Slavia regarded as the most likely objective.

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BRITISH GUARANTEE TO GREECE

London, Apr. 9.
The diplomatic correspondents of the Sunday papers declare that the Cabinet will have to decide by April 10 whether to guarantee Greece against unprovoked aggression.

The Sunday Express states it is believed that if a guarantee is given it might include occupation by Britain of Corfu as a "confidence" gesture.—Reuter.

No Landing Yet

London, Apr. 9.
The Admiralty states that there is no truth in the reports circulating abroad that British naval units have landed at Corfu.—Reuter.

Serious Consequences

London, Apr. 9.
The Italian occupation of Albania is being treated in London as a most serious alteration in the European situation, says the diplomatic correspondent of the Sunday Times.

One of the most serious consequences is the blow dealt to Italian good faith. The question arises whether the British Government should denounce the Anglo-Italian Agreement on the ground that it has been violated. Such a step would be taken in London with the greatest reluctance.

A more urgent matter is the maintenance of Greek and Turkish independence. Both countries are gravely perturbed by the Italian occupation and by the concentration of Italian troops in Rhodes and the Dodecanese Islands between Turkey and Greece.

Responsible quarters in London, the correspondent continues, are of the opinion that any attack against Greece would bring Britain to her assistance. The British Cabinet may be called to take final decision on the question when it meets.—Reuter.

Temporary Government

London, Apr. 9.
A discussion on the international situation began shortly after Mr. Chamberlain's return to London this morning.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, saw the Greek Minister at the Foreign Office and then had half an hour's conversation with Mr. Chamberlain at No. 10 Downing Street.

The French Ambassador, M. Corbin, called at the Foreign Office.

at the wedding of the Iranian Crown Prince.

The donor is afraid that because the plane flies through the tropical zone, the fuel will come out before they reach the Iranian capital and naked the pilots to keep them in the darkest and coolest corner of the cabin.—Domel.

The First Leg

Tokyo, Apr. 9.
The "goodwill" monoplane, Soyoukaze (Zephyr) of the Japan Aviation Corporation arrived at Taihoku from Tokyo at 3.12 p.m. to-day en route to Teheran, capital of Iran.

Leaving Tokyo at 7.15 a.m., the plane completed its first leg in seven hours 30 minutes. It leaves Taihoku on Monday morning on its second leg to Bangkok.—Domel.

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Tungleng Raided

Tungleng, Kiangsi, Apr. 9.
Tungleng, 63 miles south-east of Nanchang was raided by three Japanese planes last Friday. More than 20 bombs were dropped, demolishing buildings of the district government.

Japanese planes raided Shangyuan in east Kiangsi yesterday. They dropped 30 bombs.

Some 50 corps have so far been excavated and about 50 persons have been wounded. Over 200 houses were wrecked.—Central News.

CHEKIANG DESTRUCTION

Shanghai, Apr. 9.
Chinese reports state that four Japanese planes conducted a series of raids on Kinhun, Chekiang, yesterday, dropping 45 bombs, including incendiary bombs, into the densely populated streets. The bombs hit several schools, killing 43 civilians and injuring 200 of them. It is said that 114 buildings were destroyed.—United Press.

Japanese Losses

Shihukwan, Apr. 9.
Before their retreat from Kiangmen the Japanese set fire to many houses. During the past few days' fighting at Kongmoon and Sunwui nearly 900 Japanese were killed, including one commander. One hundred Japanese were taken prisoner.

Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Japanese Denial

Canton, Apr. 9.
A Japanese army spokesman has denied the Chinese counter-attack and aerial activities in Kwangtung saying that Kongmoon was captured by the Japanese on March 31 and it is still in Japanese hands. He added:

"The Japanese Army forces may abandon unnecessary points as the case may be, but it is impossible for them to beat a retreat. There has never been any occasion when Japanese troops have been beaten back by Chinese irregulars."—Domel.

Japanese on the Run

Sieki, Apr. 9.
While Chinese reports claim that Chinese troops have advanced as far as Talam just a few miles north of the Shekcheng arsenal within striking distance from Canton, it is learned here that the Japanese will make every effort to hold Canton. Japanese reverses in Kongmoon and Pakkal are due to the transfer of some of the troops to defend Canton.

The Japanese in Canton depend on the recently completed defence works to hold the Chinese counter-offensive, while the infantry are said to be the crack units back there on relief after seeing much service in Yungchow, Kialchow and Kongmoon.

It is reported that Japanese poison gas corps will be used in the cutting

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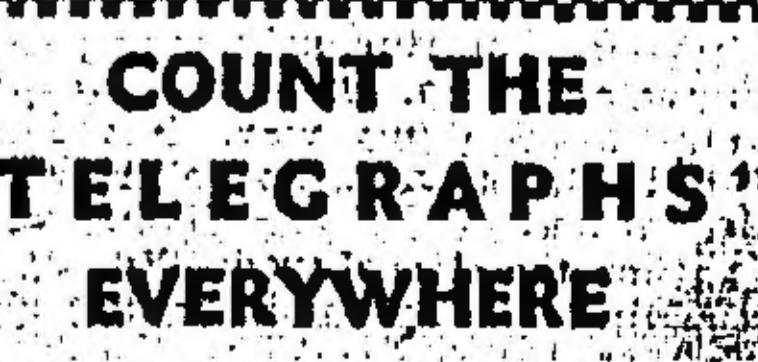
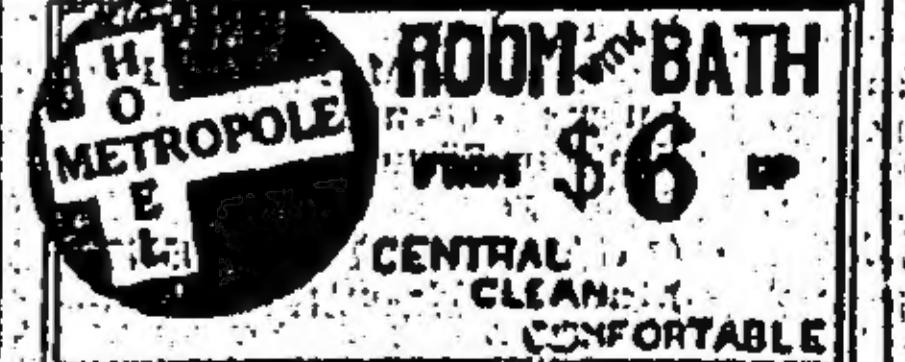
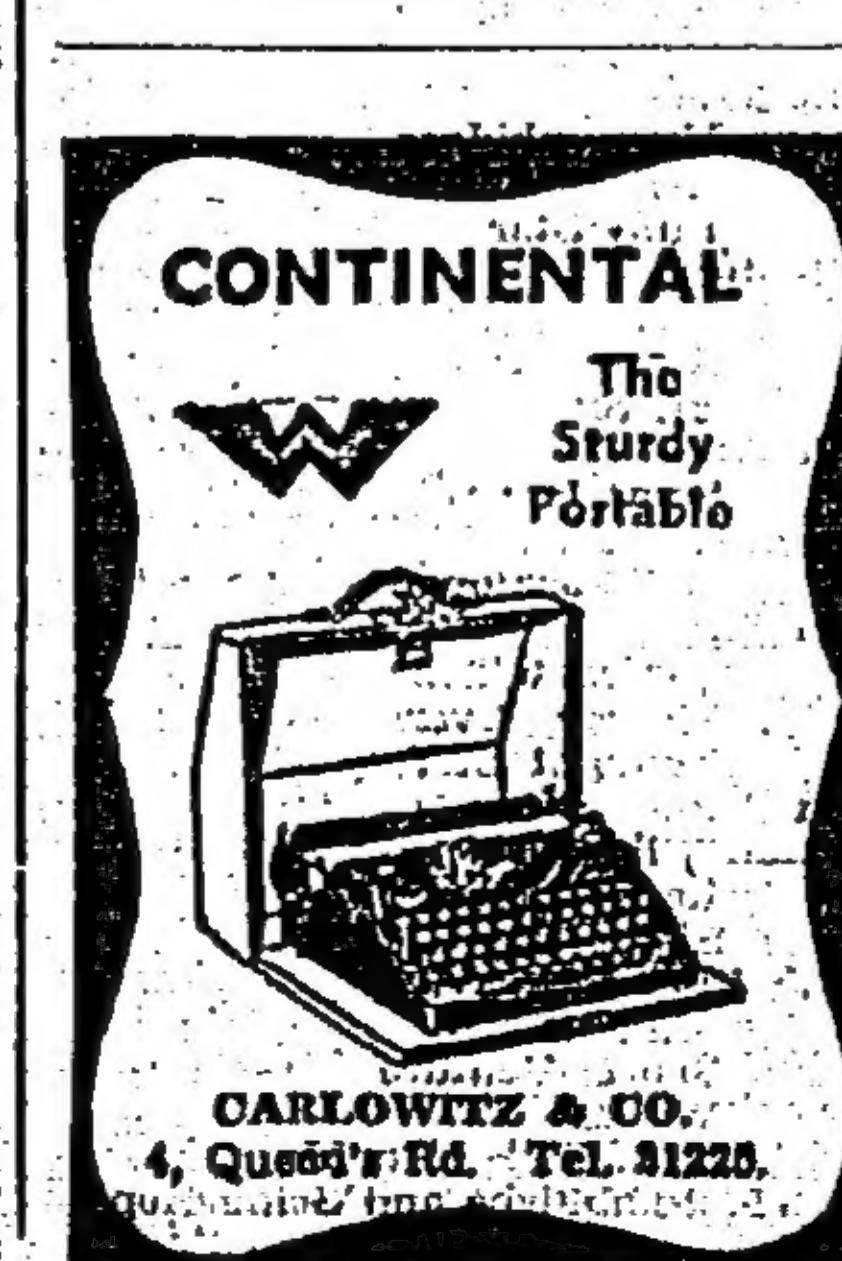
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LOCAL CRICKET BECOMES MUCH TOO STEREOTYPED "WANTS MORE THAN REFORM: WANTS REVOLUTION"

(By "T. Able")

On Saturday last the K.C.C. second eleven evidently decided that so dull a season had better die right off and by beating the Police made themselves sure of the second Division Shield by at least half a point. The game, which is to be described by another hand, is reminiscent of the deciding match in the first Division. Both were extraordinarily low scoring matches, and Kowloon's one hundred and four was the only three figure innings of the four played out. It was typical of the run of cricket at present.

It would appear, however, that there is more keen vitality displayed in the second Division. The Police, whose record on Saturday relegated them to fifth place have the distinction of showing a record of nine matches all completed. It is good work to get along with cricket in that definite way. Had they won their last match they would have led the field and would only have been beaten by the University. And that reminds me, I sincerely hope that the one outstanding game in the second Division between the Navy and the Varsity will be played on Saturday next. A win will give the latter the honourable position of runners up, only half a point behind the winners, if we count the match with the I.I.C.C. as a tie.

There also remains the game between the Civil Service and Army to be played, and upon this depends their respective placings in the first Division. I should like to see it played out but as I hear rumours of a game Winners v. the Rest I suppose it will fail through. Personally I have always thought this a particularly stupid game. There is no real interest in it as the Rest side is not a "team" in an and, as often as not, quite unrepresentative of the sum of the rest of the Colony. Personally I would prefer to see the final game be one between the mainland and the Island, residential qualifications to count and using the ordinary Interport rules of eligibility. Possibly if the game became popular, caps might be awarded, though I am not very much in favour of this.

INTERPORT MATCHES

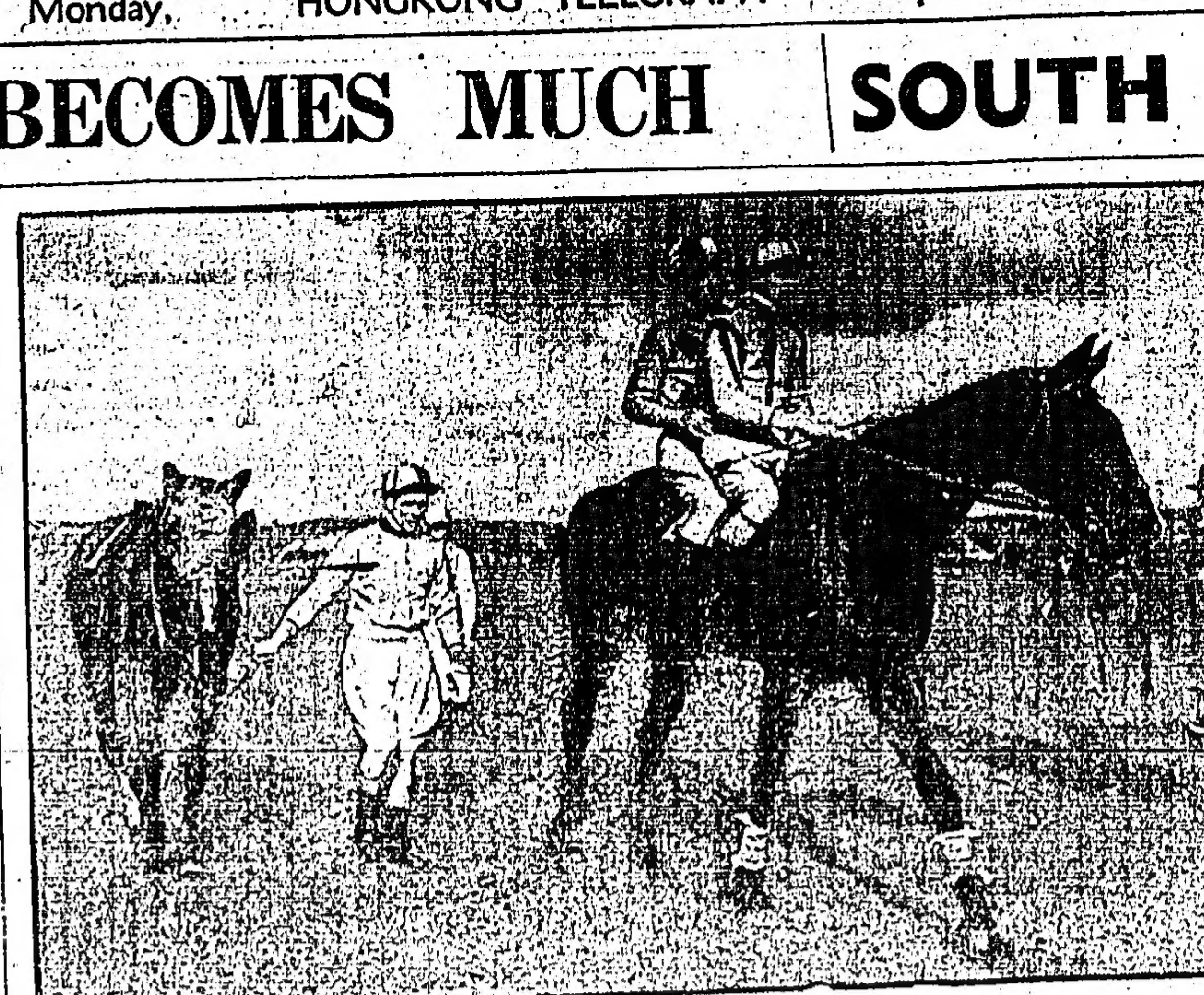
And this leads up to my main point and that is the urgent necessity for the resumption of Interport matches. Of course cricket should be a good enough sport in itself and not necessarily require the spur of competition. But that is, in these days and in this place, a counsel of despair. You cannot get away from it that cricket is not played under the best conditions here. The time is too short, for our days are closer than they do at home where it is often possible to play—seventy-three. (Mem: that whatever its drawbacks "summer time" here would be a godsend to Cricket.) Then again the weather is not so pleasant as in England—though admittedly that can be pretty blood-curdling. The wickets out here too are not particularly good. This does not matter to most of us but it does not off the really good batsman and I can think of a good many who have come out here in the past twenty years and have lost a good deal of enthusiasm for the game.

COUNTER ATTRACTI

But of all the difficulties which face cricket the fact that it has to compete with football (and sailing) during its season presents the greatest. It so often happens that a really useful and keen Club Cricketer comes out, and finds in October that he has to make the choice between Rugger (or Soccer less frequently) and cricket. If he is young he almost certainly plumps for Rugger and I should be the last to say that he is wrong. But the trouble is that three of our sons of Rugger get him out of cricket and he either turns to golf or takes his cricket in a very casual way. I can think of some bright exceptions and I think of some horrible examples. Of course, it must not be forgotten that—as it is—cricket does not seem to take the same hold on the young Englishman as it used to do. When, he has left school he can always get a game of tennis close at hand, usually with attractive female society. And he does not want to take the fog to travel often long distances in strictly bachelor society to get his cricket. What the young generation is now I don't know. But taking it by and large after the war the bright youth who played tennis and liked to have his tea brought to him by an adoring bairn of attractive maidens was far too common. As a war product I think he has dropped out. But his successors don't play cricket as much or as keenly as when I was a youngster.

TOO STEREOTYPED

Finally, there is one point. As times go on the local cricketer is coming more and more to the fore and, though his cricket is alright, he is not yet, except in a few cases, an administrator. Nor is he entirely beyond requiring a little sage advice now and then. I do not say this in any depreciating way, but I think that cricket wants to be much better organised than it is. It is becoming rather too stereotyped. For instance I think I am right in saying that in



After their horse had thrown them during the Grand National, two amateur riders, Captain P. Herbert and Mr. A. Marsh, climbed on to the back of Scotch Wood, Captain Herbert's mount, and rode home. Captain Herbert riding pillion. Red Hillman's jockey, E. Foley, a brother in grief, took his place at his Captain's head, and the procession wended its mournful way homeward from Becher's Brook.

Von Cramm Wins Tennis Title

Alexandria, Apr. 9. Baron Gottfried von Cramm, German tennis ace, to-day won the Egyptian singles championship when he beat W. D. McNeill of America in the final by 7-5, 6-2, 6-8, 6-2.

The woman's title went to Miss Curtis of Great Britain, who beat Miss J. R. Harman of Ireland in the final by 6-2, 6-4.—Reuter.

the last quarter of a century only four names have appeared as champions of the K.C.C. Very worthy ones, of course. But there you are. The only hope for cricket that I can see is in the League Committee. It wants more than reform; it wants revolution. It reminds me of some creature which my natural history primer taught me used to come up to breathe once a year—I forget the name, and perhaps it is as well.

All I can say is that I sincerely hope that the Committee will hold several "open" meetings and discuss publicly this question of League fixtures, and all other arrangements. I give them full credit for this year's attempt. But I should have felt happier about it had I not known that they never even consulted the Navy, who with the Army are more concerned than anyone else. Let us thresh things out.

Before play began, the setting was perfect for a dramatic championship-deciding match. K.C.C. headed the table with 16 points from eight

matches. Police held 15 points from the same number of games. An outright win for the visitors meant the title; if the Police won, it would most probably have given them the championship, as the University would have required to win their final game against the Navy to displace the Police.

On a fast matting wicket, the Police, winning the toss, quite naturally sent K.C.C. in to bat, and immediate and dramatic success came their way. In Fay's opening over he had Bradbridge given out for obstruction, though the decision appeared highly doubtful, and then he clean bowled Madar with a fast yorker. Mulcahy gathered five and then went to another speedy yorker from Fay. Goodwin went in and out, and just as Lay appeared to be shaping well, he was deceived by Pope's swift yorker and five wickets were down for 15 runs.

It looked as though the Police were to enjoy their easiest victory of the season.

RECOVERY

But with McKenzie and Gray associated a gradual change came over the game. McKenzie played a dead bat to the accurate and good length deliveries of Pope and Fay, while Gray shaped with plenty of confidence, using his feet to "kill" the better lengths, and scoring off the loose ones. Very slowly the score was taken to the 50 mark, and then Gray made a poor stroke to a half volley from Carey and was well caught by Pope at cover-point. His knock of 17 was a useful contribution in taking away the sting from the Police attack, which, for the first five overs, had been deadly keen.

McKenzie continued to play right cricket and quite rightly made no attempt to rush things. He found a good helpmeet in Taylor, and when McKenzie was finally bowled by Stephens he had scored 32, and had seen the total advance to past the 80 mark.

The visitors' tail continued to wag vigorously. Dand going in to collect an invaluable 14 in quick time, including five from an overthrow, and finally the innings closed for a fairly respectable score of 104.

POPE OVERWORKED

Although the Police attack was splendid, Pope was obviously over-worked. He bowled one spell of 16 overs, and although he was highly effective at the start, he naturally tired and became vulnerable. Used in shorter spells he might have taken cheaper wickets than 3 for 52.

Fay bowled brilliantly in his first spell, maintaining an ideal length, and coming off the pitch at lightning speed.

But Carey was the most successful bowler from the point of view of figures, his three wickets costing only seven runs. He bowled four maidens out of seven overs. But one could not help feeling he was a trifle flat.

Two of his wickets were the outcome of poor strokes from bad balls, and lots of loose ones on the leg side which failed to hit the boundary were allowed to go harmlessly to the wicket-keeper.

On the face of it Police were sitting pretty when, with the better part of two hours at their disposal, they found it was necessary to score

SOUTH CHINA "A" WIN SENIOR SHIELD ONCE AGAIN

Police Unlucky to Lose By 5-3 Margin

(By "Abo")

When the Police led 2-0 at one stage of the Senior Shield Final against South China "A" on the Club ground on Saturday, there must have been a great many people who saw visions of a surprising upset. I was one of them.

Not because of the Police lead, but rather because of the manner in which the Chinese were playing. The tenacious methods employed by the officers of the law succeeded in unsettling the usually smooth combination of the Chinese to an extent which few had expected, and if only the defence had been a trifle steadier, the Police might have come out of the game winners instead of losers by 5-3.

Several factors contributed to the hapless form of the Chinese in the early stages of the encounter.

First, Pau Ka-ping, in goal, had a bad knock, and the situation was made worse by Lee Tin-sang putting the ball through his own goal.

Over a period of 15 years, I am told, Lee Tin-sang has never been known to score against his own side; yet he had to open the account in a Shield Final!

The absence of Mai Shu-hon from his usual position at right back forced the Chinese to play Lee on the right and to bring Lee Kwok-wai in at left back. But the move was never a success. Lee was uncomfortable on the right and played below his usual form.

Then Pau fumbled a slow shot and Fan Kwan-choi, following up, had only to put the ball into an unentitled goal.

POLICE TWO UP

Two goals up after 20 minutes' play! Who would not have fancied the Police chances?

Though failure compels one to admit that both these goals were the result of defensive errors, yet during all this while the Police were on top of their opponents.

Luck, however, took hand in the game at this stage. The Chinese were obviously worried and with their confidence shaken, they did not look impressive at all. But they defended stoutly, albeit desperately, and kept the Police forwards at bay. Then rather against the run of play, Fung King-cheung worked his way through to reduce the arrears with a cross shot. To add to the Police tale of woe, North handled the ball

3-1. **THE TEAMS**

The following are the teams:

Army: Duncan (Royal Scots) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Rides (Ordnance Corps); Shaw (R.E.) and May (R.A.); Emberton (Ordnance Corps); Courtney (Middlesex); Calvert (R.O.C.); Saw (Middlesex) and Duffield (Ordnance Corps).

Reserves: Moxham (R.E.), Corbin (R.A.), Wilkinson (Middlesex), Guy (R.A.), Flanders (R.A.), McDonald (R. Scots) and Lang (Ordnance Corps).

South China: Pau Ka-ping; Lee Tin-sang, Lee Kwok-wai; Kwok Ying-ki, Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Hing-choi, Tong Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Lau Shu-wing and Lau Tau-man.

but 105 to win. On a small ground, and in view of the fact that the visitors were without their two pace bowlers—Luke and Simpson, the task appeared to be well within their province. A confident start was made by Carey and Loughlin, but the former was tempted to hit wildly to a length ball from McKenzie and was well taken by Madar at cover with the total at seven. Clarke and Loughlin started to dig themselves in, but just as the latter looked like making some runs he fell to a smart piece of stamping by Dand.

SERIOUS REVERSE

The second wicket fell at 20, but then the Police suffered their really serious reverse. Fay, whose batting has been a feature this season, faced Lay who had been brought on for Taylor and was utterly beaten by the third ball, playing back too late to one that went through quickly. Clarke went next, well beaten by one of McKenzie's best deliveries, and by this time the game was very open. However, Stephens and Pope became associated and at one stage really looked as though they would pull the game round for the homesters.

Stephens shaped extremely well and off-drove McKenzie, while Pope turned the left-hand bowler to leg for four. The half century was hoisted, and then Stephens fell a victim to a brilliant ball from McKenzie.

Hunter and Oakley both went cheaply, and as soon as Pope had been clean bowled by Taylor with one that kept very low and just took the off peg, it was clear that the match was all over bar the shouting.

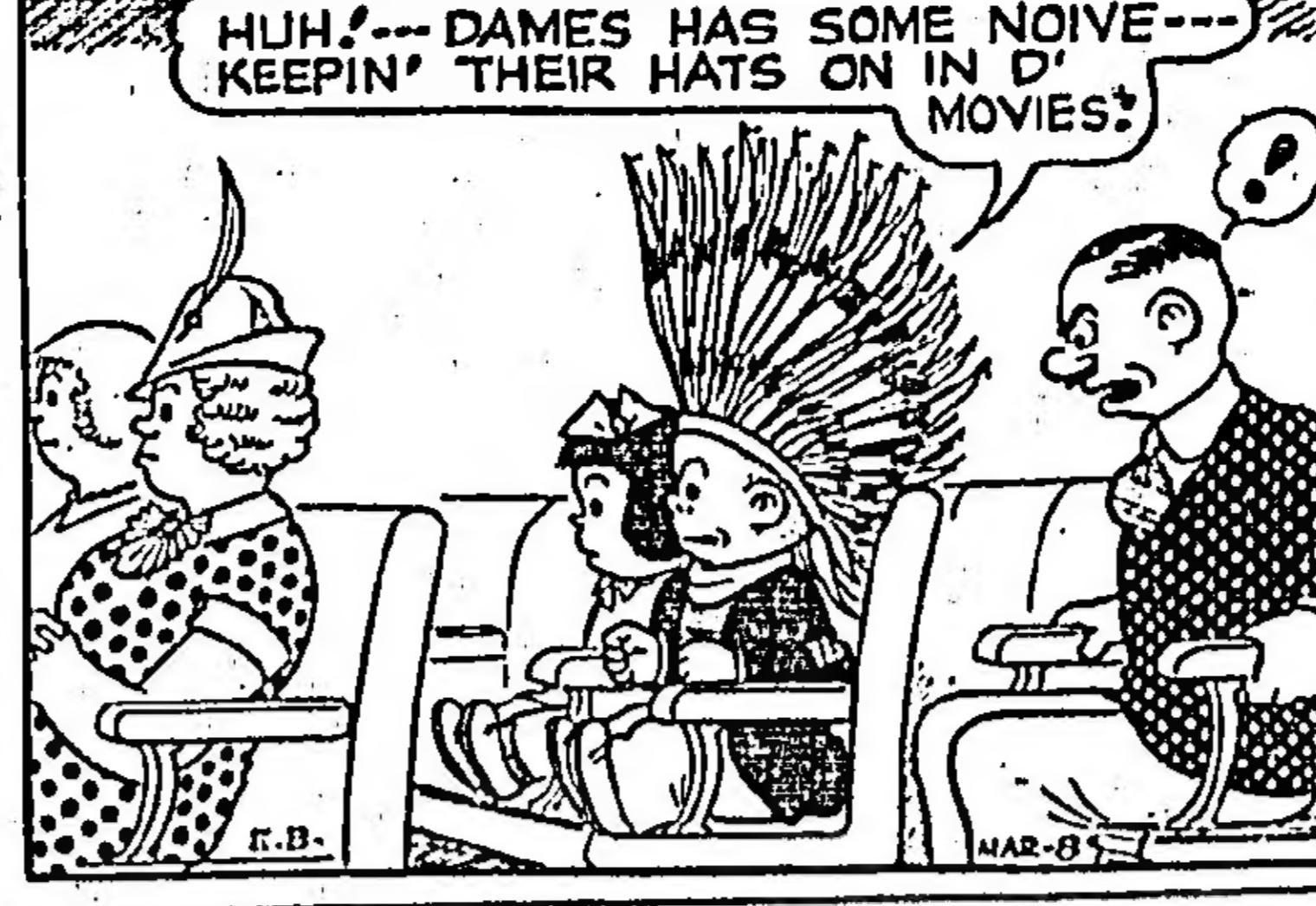
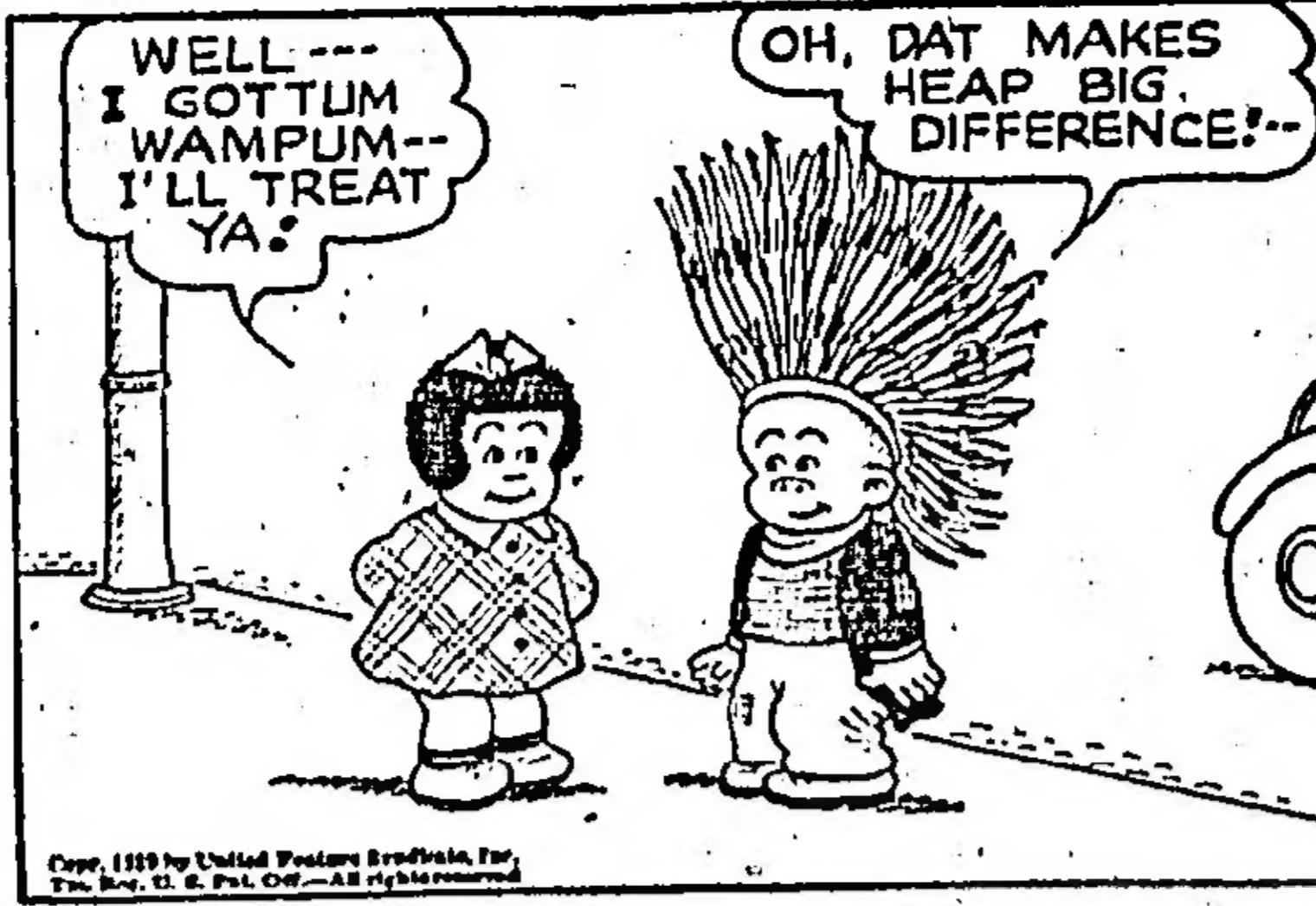
McKenzie polished off the innings.

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An exciting incident in front of the Police goal in the Senior Shield Final match on Saturday when South China "A" defeated the guardians of the peace by five goals to three. MacHardy, the Police custodian, jumps out to clear in fine style, harassed by a Chinese forward. Staff Photographer.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

100,000 CUP FINAL TICKETS THIS YEAR

ONLY FEW AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL AGENCIES

London, March 21.
As the F.A. Cup Final draws nearer, the question of tickets becomes more and more important. Here are some facts on who gets them, what they cost, and what chance the ordinary man has of getting one.

Unless you are a supporter of a football club and buy your tickets through that club, there is little use trying to obtain one. Of the 100,000 available, 25 per cent go to the two clubs in the Final. This is an increase on last year owing to the additional accommodation.

The remaining 75 per cent are divided proportionately among the First, Second and Third Division clubs, the county football associations and other amateur clubs.

A very small percentage indeed go to the travel agencies. Mr. Arthur Elvin, chief of Wembley, has a personal list of his own.

GUINEA TICKETS

People who are fairly rich grumble because they do not support a football club, so an agency is the only hope — a faint hope.

What they don't realise is that there are literally thousands of amateur clubs who must have tickets for their members. And 100,000 soon mounts up. Football followers—not people with tickets—are entered for in the Cup Final.

Every ticket has now been allocated, and will be sent off during the first week in April. The authorities will know the name of every ticket-holder at Wembley.

If you have a ticket this year, your name will still be recorded fifteen years hence. Mr. Elvin has had a lot of fun over this.

CAREFUL CHECK

"People write to me," he said, "telling me how grateful they were for those four tickets I sold them for the Final four years ago. Then they ask for four more. A check-up of the list four years ago shows that I never sold them any tickets at all!"

A Cup Final, he reckons, costs £2,000 to stage with £200 for postage stamps and £100 for printing the 100,000 tickets. If he had the accommodation he thinks he could sell between 500,000 and three-quarters of a million tickets.

KOWLOON SECONDS TRIUMPH

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with them the winning of the league by the K.C.C. for the second time.

While perhaps, the Police batting was a trifle disappointing, it would be idle to pretend that McKenzie, Taylor and Lay did not bowl exceedingly well. McKenzie for the most part maintained an impeccable length, and his only shortcoming was an inclination to bowl on the leg side. But while he was able to pitch on the middle and off he had to be watched very closely, and for several of the batsmen, was unplayable.

WORTHY CHAMPIONS

Taylor gave him first-class support from the other end, and did not send down more than three loose balls, while Lay, used very judiciously by Mulcahy, obtained two valuable wickets.

K.C.C. fielding was keen and little was given away. Only one catch was dropped—a hard chance by Pope to stand behind the stumps. But the keen competition.



One of the scenes in "You Can't Take It With You," the best picture of 1938, now showing at the King's Theatre.

Bowls

C. B. HOSKING HONOURED AT KOWLOON B. G. C.

A happy function took place at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday, when Mr. C. B. Hosking, the popular honorary secretary of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, was the recipient of a farewell gift from the Association. He was presented with a set of new woods.

The presentation was made by Dr. J. T. Smalley, Vice-President of the Lawn Bowls Association, who was introduced to the gathering by Mr. S. M. White, Secretary of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Mr. White welcomed Dr. Smalley and said they were glad to see him recovered from his recent accident.

Dr. Smalley thanked Mr. White for his kind words, and before making the presentation, wished all the bowls teams in the different leagues a very happy season.

He said that the gift was a token of the deep gratitude of the Association for all Mr. Hosking had done during the past four years in his capacity as honorary secretary of the Association. (Applause). Mr. Hosking had had a very busy time, especially last year, when Shanghai paid the Colony a visit. The secretary's job at any time was a thankless task, and Dr. Smalley thanked Mr. R. P. Phillips for taking up the secretaryship.

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Mr. C. B. Hosking, for several years Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, will be proceeding to England on transfer on Saturday. He was given a farewell match by members of the Kowloon B.G.C. yesterday. This picture was taken during the match.—Mee Cheung.

Hongkong after he had left the Colony. (Applause).

Thinking the Association for its gift, Mr. Hosking said he had spent four happy years here. The secretaryship had been interesting and good work, and he thought it was a fine thing that the Colony should be able to have an organized Association. Since he had taken over the post, there had been additional teams in the leagues, and he hoped that when he came back to Hongkong in 1941 (as he hoped to do) there would be four leagues functioning. If that was so, he would be more than glad to give Mr. Phillips all the help he could when he returned. (Applause).

Mr. Hosking was also the recipient of two further gifts from his personal friends in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Making the presentations of a blackwood tray bound in silver, and a silver beer mug humorously inscribed, Mr. T. Robson, President of the Club, said:

"After six years in the Colony, our friend Mr. Hosking leaves us, probably for good, next Saturday. I can assure him that he takes with him the sincere wishes of his many friends in this Club. We wish him good luck in his new billet at home, and with him, Mrs. Hosking and Diana, good health and happy landings in the old country."

"To remind them of their happy association with this Club, I ask him now to accept from his own personal friends, and a certain little school in this Club who will always be

HONGKONG LADIES' HOCKEY INTERPORT TEAM WIN MATCHES

Shanghai, Apr. 8.
Hongkong women's Interport hockey team secured their third success in the annual hockey series against the Shanghai Women's Hockey Association at Kiaochoow Park to-day when they won by four clear goals after dominating the second half of the encounter.

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Hongkong. (Applause).

In the 27th minute of the first half, Miss Harker placed the Colony in the lead when she snapped up the ball from a short corner to score through a crowded players.

Play was very close and thrilling, but Hongkong's better stickwork and faster tackling and running made them a superior combination.

Mr. Dailey increased the score for Hongkong in the fourth minute of the second half, when the ball rebounded off the Shanghai goalkeeper's pads.

Spectators were given their biggest thrill, however, in the 13th minute of the second half when Mrs. Burnett, Hongkong's right-winger, took the ball through the Shanghai defence from the halfway mark to net a glorious goal.

Hongkong crowded on the pressure, and 11 minutes later Miss Westcott, probably the fastest left-winger playing hockey on the China coast, outpaced Shanghai's backs to score Hongkong's final goal.—United Press.

Reuter says that Mrs. Read, one of the surprise selections of the Colony team, scored two of the goals.

REST OF SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Apr. 9.
The Hongkong ladies' hockey team beat the Rest of Shanghai by four goals to two to-day. The half time score was two nil in favour of Shanghai.

Hongkong recovered early in the second half, keeping the play always in the Shanghai half. Miss Harker scored twice for Hongkong and Mrs. Read the remaining two goals, one coming a few minutes before the final whistle.—Reuter.

United Press adds that Hongkong made a brilliant rally in the second half with a series of powerful onslaughts, resulting in Miss Harker and Mrs. Read scoring four goals between them. Scorers for Shanghai were Amanda da Silva and Irene Ornbacher.

RESULTS TO DATE

1934-35 Hongkong 1-0
1935-36 Hongkong 1-0
*1936-37 Drawn 2-2

After extra time:

The following players have scored goals in the Ladies' Interport hockey series:

For Hongkong
Miss Murie Smith ("V" Ladies) 2
Miss M. Woolley (C.B.A. Ladies) 1
Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrews) 1
Miss M. Sheridan (Greens) 2

For Shanghai
Mrs. A. da Silva 1
Irene Ornbacher 1

Kowloon Club Narrowly Beat Happy Valley

The annual meeting between the Kowloon Golf Club and the Happy Valley team played on the Kowloon Course resulted in a narrow victory for Kowloon by 10½ to 15 points.

The issue was in doubt to the last game, which was decided on the 18th. Green. Details are as follows:

Kowloon	Happy Valley
W. R. K. Collings	W. J. S. Key
E. F. Fischer	L. Goldman
A. J. Dennis	V. McKellar
W. S. Hillier	W. Shinn
A. Eastman	A. W. Macdonald
W. V. Ahern	A. D. Humphreys
W. G. Simpson	D. Forbes
F. C. Barry	W. F. Barnes
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E. C. Fischer	T. May
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Men's International
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Inter-Hong League
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China received walk-over from Britain.

Philippines 0 Inter-Hong League

Standard Oil Co. 0 Hongkong 4

Junior League 12 Tigers 10

(played under protest)

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Blouses and Skirts for Evening



Contrasting designs in crepe de chine are featured in this afternoon frock. The corset belt is in grosgrain.



A long-sleeved white chiffon blouse partnered by a pleated brocade skirt, the front of which opens to reveal a scarlet net petticoat.



Strong Soap Best To Clean An Oily Skin

THOROUGH cleanliness is essential if you want a healthy, attractive skin. At the beginning of treatment, the method used will depend to some extent on the present state of your skin. The cleansing process is essentially the same, but there are minor differences. Every skin needs the solvent action of a good cleansing cream and every skin needs the thorough flushing action of good soap and soft, tepid water. Nothing can replace the latter, but the kind of soap used depends on the oiliness or dryness of the skin.

For an excessively oily skin, or one that is much blemished, a strong soap such as tincture of green soap is needed. Since an oily skin usually results from clogged pores, the cleansing process should free the pores of impurities. The circulation should be stimulated and then the skin treated with a strong astringent.

Apply Cream First

Apply a layer of cleansing cream first and allow it to remain on until the oils have melted and penetrated

the pores, then wipe off the oil with soft tissues or an old linen towel. Use a rough wash cloth or a circulation brush for cleansing. Dip the cloth in very hot water and hold it over the face for a minute to open the pores, then rub a lather of green soap well into the skin, scrubbing until the face is quite red.

Rinse away the soap in warm water, then gradually decrease the temperature until it is quite cold. Finish with ice water, or a piece of ice rubbed quickly over the skin to close the pores. It is a good idea to wrap a lump of ice in a piece of old silk or a square of cheesecloth to prevent rough edges cutting or scratching the skin.

Epsom Salts Help

If the skin does not respond to the simple treatment outlined above (followed twice a day), then follow the nightly cleansing with an application of Epsom salts dissolved in diluted water.

The proper proportions are one pound of Epsom salts dissolved to one quart of water. The salts will dry up the excess oil and act as an astringent on the skin. Pat the solution over the face for ten minutes, then rinse away with cold water. If the skin feels irritated afterward, apply a very thin film of night cream and finish with more cold water.

In addition, there should be a weekly facial consisting of a thorough cleansing and treatment with herb packs or beauty clay to hasten the results of the corrective measures that you are taking for the oily condition.

Experiment with your skin and see how it responds. You know more about its peculiarities than anyone else. One thing, however, you should give treatments time to show you definitely whether or not they are proper ones for your skin.



Blouse and skirt evening frock. The blouse is of white chiffon and the skirt of multi-coloured floral crepe.

A NUMBER of the filmy evening gowns, by the way, though very long, were worn over slips which just covered the knees, so that the legs were revealed from the knee downwards.

AT another house crinoline frocks in muslin and organdy were partnered by hooded capes in heavy silk.

Tailored suits with whaleboned jackets were the novelty at another collection.

SHORT CUTS

To remove ink spots on the fingers, rub banana peel over them.

Parsley will keep fresh for some time if placed, dry, in a Mason jar and covered securely.

Add three or four drops of lemon juice to cream that is to be whipped and it will thicken faster.

MEDICAL RETURNS

New Territories Figures For Last Month

Medical treatment both at Shum Chun and Namtau is recorded in the returns of cases of the St. John Ambulance New Territories Medical Benevolent Branch for March.

It will be remembered that, under Government auspices, arrangements were made for the vaccination of refugees and some first aid relief at these points from which the largest influx of Chinese came.

The returns show that 9,572 vaccinations were done in the New Territories last month, 101 at Shum Chun and 820 at Namtau being additional.

In the New Territories there were 4,176 new cases making a total of 10,352 patients with old cases.

Twenty-seven patients were admitted from Kam Tin to hospital, while 72 were admitted from the Haw Par Hospital at Cheung Chau.

It is to be remarked that there were 123 malaria cases at Tsun Wan and 32 at Kam Tin.

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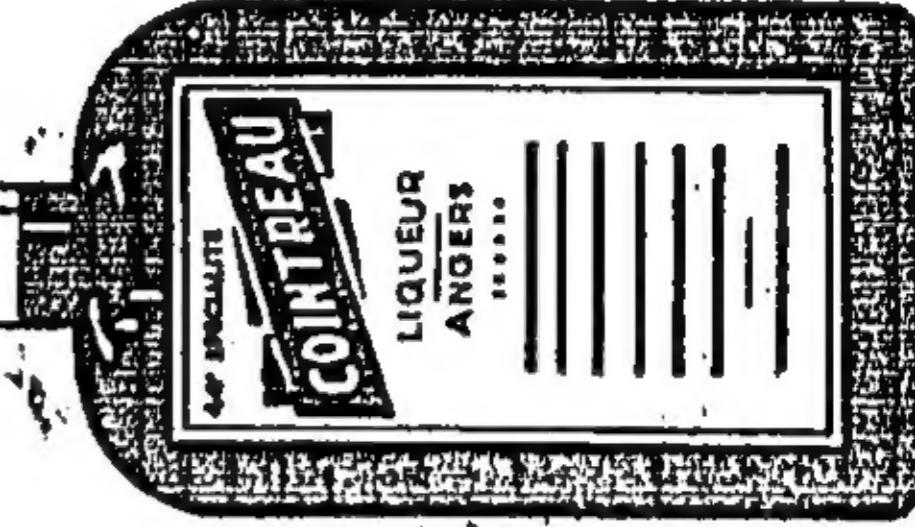
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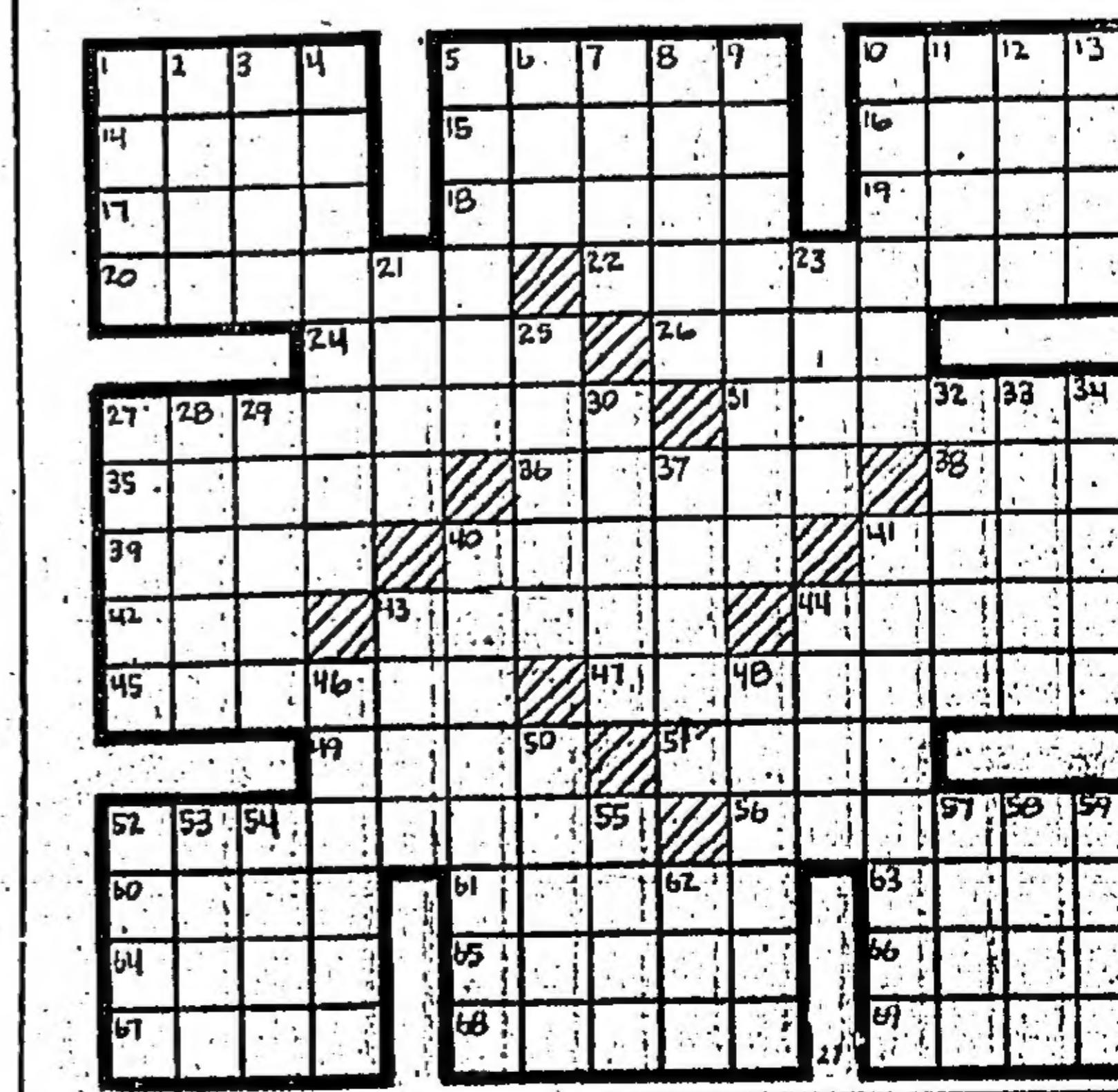
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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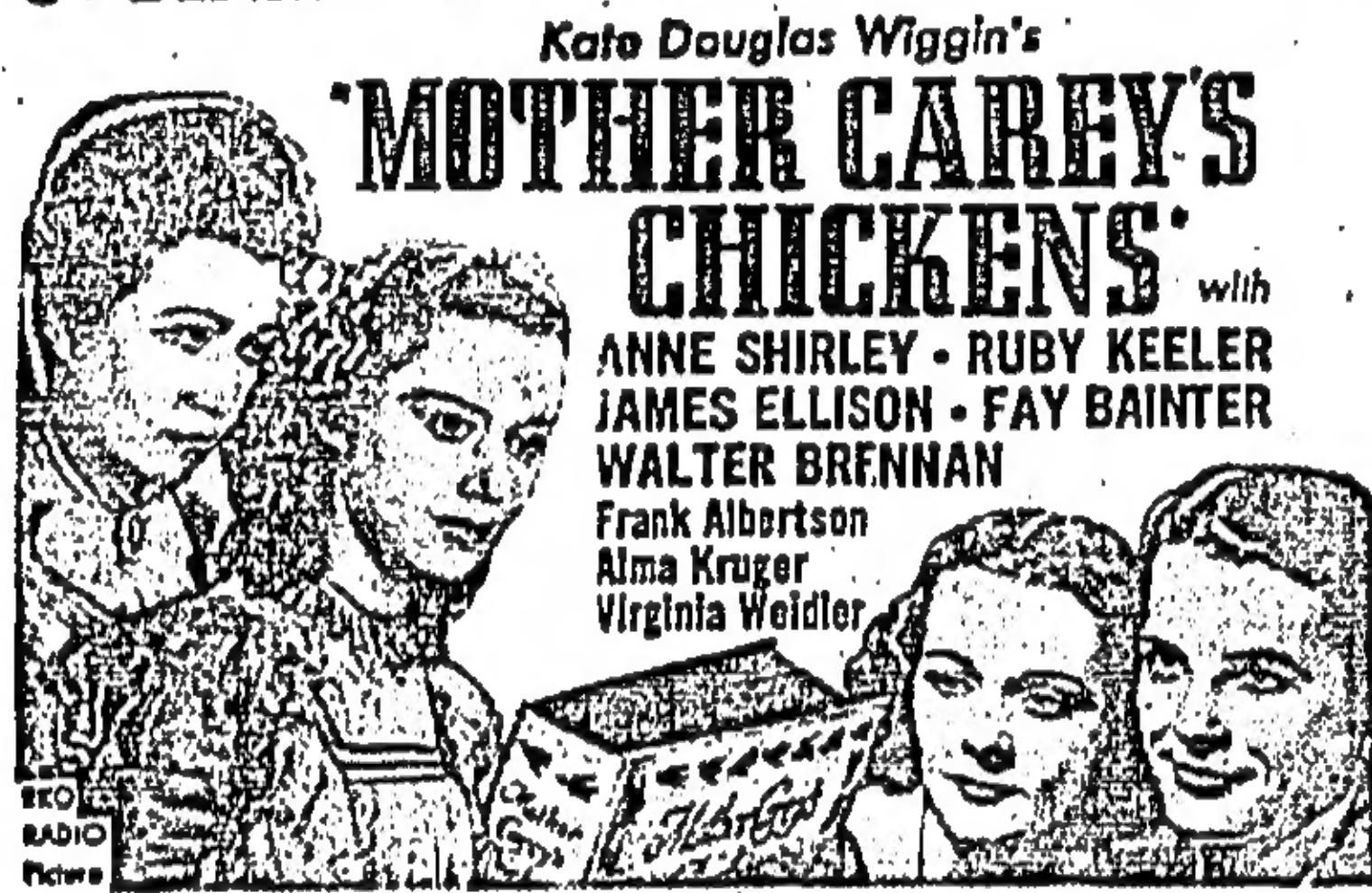
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LATE NEWS

Zog Speaks Out

Skopje, Jugoslavia, Apr. 9. Shortly before leaving for Floryna, King Zog, through his minister of his Court, told the United Press: "War continues in Albania, with our soldiers still holding some important towns. The Albanians are being attacked and are still fighting. They can only attempt to hold their own. The Royal Family have no plans beyond Salona.

"There are in Europe two madmen who are disturbing the entire world—Hitler and Mussolini."

"There are in Europe two 'damnfools' who sleep—Chamberlain and Daladier."

"If the British ships at Corfu had fired only one shot, none of us would have had to flee."—United Press.

Anglo-French Concentration

Athens, Apr. 9. It is reported here that three British warships have arrived 35 miles north of Corfu.

There are rumours of strong French and British squadrons arriving in Greek waters and Corfu Harbour.

In Athens, it is officially denied that the Albanian royalty have arrived in Thessaly from Salona. They are staying in the Hotel Panellinon awaiting an improvement in the weather and in Queen Geraldine's condition.—United Press.

April 20 Seen As Danger-Date

Bucharest, Apr. 9. There is speculation in many circles here regarding the possibility of swift moves by Germany and Italy, following the invasion of Albania.

It is even suggested in quarters friendly to the Axis Powers that on Herr Hitler's birthday on April 20, Germany is putting forward a plan for bringing the whole of the Balkan peninsula into a "federal economic system."

In official circles in Sofia, it is stated that Bulgaria intends to continue to co-operate with other Balkan countries, and help in efforts to preserve peace.

It is added that she will support the slogan "Balkan for the Balkans."

A disturbing aspect of the situation to Bulgaria is that there are rumours in Macedonian circles with Italian connections, that Italy's next step will be the formation of an autonomous Macedonia, under her protection, for the minorities in Yugoslavia, Greece, and Bulgaria.—Reuter.

Britain To Warn Mussolini?

Paris, Apr. 9. Reliable quarters report that the Franco-British consultations have formed a concrete proposal to guarantee Greek integrity of the island of Corfu and to prevent an Italian attack through British occupation.

It is reported that a defence agreement has been made with Turkey.

It has been learned here that Sir Eric Phipps, British Ambassador to France, has informed the French Premier, Foreign Office and War Office that the British Ambassador to Rome will warn the Italian Foreign Minister in Rome to-morrow that Italy must not attempt a coup de force against Greece.—United Press.

France Not Satisfied

Paris, Apr. 9. It is stated in authoritative circles that France is not satisfied with the Italian explanations for the occupation of Albania, and it is felt that any attempt on Greece or Corfu would cause a very grave international situation.

It is stated that there is full accord between France and Britain. M. Bonnet was in constant communication yesterday with the French Ambassador to London and Washington. M. Daladier discussed the situation with Sir Eric Phipps the British Ambassador to France and with M. Bonnet.

It is officially learned that the French Cabinet will meet on Tuesday afternoon.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Returns

Warm Springs, Apr. 9. President Roosevelt took a special train for Washington to-day.

It is understood that he is frankly concerned over the immediate threats of a world conflict.

The President is scheduled to confer with the Secretary of State on Monday.

"I will return in the autumn, if we don't have war," said the President to a group of friends on the departure platform.—United Press.

Lightning Attack Feared

London, Apr. 9. British politicians and the military high command to-day held an urgent conference on the grave European situation.

Some quarters here believe there is a possibility of a lightning attack by Germany without a formal declaration of war.

Mr. Chamberlain has arrived from Scotland and spent Sunday studying the ominous reports from the Balkans and Germany.

He has been in almost continuous conference with his Defence Ministers.

A special Cabinet meeting will be called on Monday to discuss Italy's Albanian coup and a possible British pledge to assist in the defence of Greece.

The British Foreign Secretary has been in conference three times to-day with the Italian Charge d'Affaires, Signor Crolla.

He asked Signor Crolla about the disquieting rumours received from the Continent and expressed British disapproval of the Italian occupation of Albania.

It is understood that he has been assured that Italy does not intend to use Albania as a base for attack on other powers.

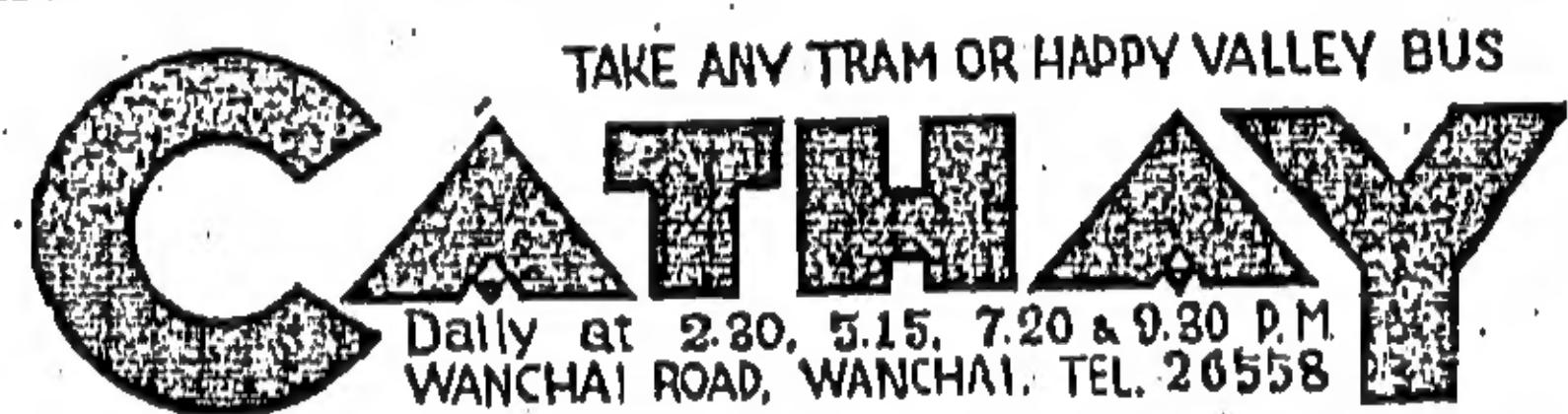
Lord Halifax also received the Greek Minister.

The Sunday Dispatch asserts that Lord Halifax possesses a report which supports the theory that the seizure of Albania only being done by the Axis powers, designed to cover an attack planned against Holland."—United Press.

Balkan Fears

SOFIA, Apr. 9. Balkan diplomatic circles express fears that Italy may pursue her advantages in Albania with a quick drive through Macedonia to Salona.

It is rumoured in Belgrade that Bulgaria, in response to German pressure, has agreed to line up on the side of the Axis powers, if the Italian-German military adventure extends further in the Balkans.—United Press.



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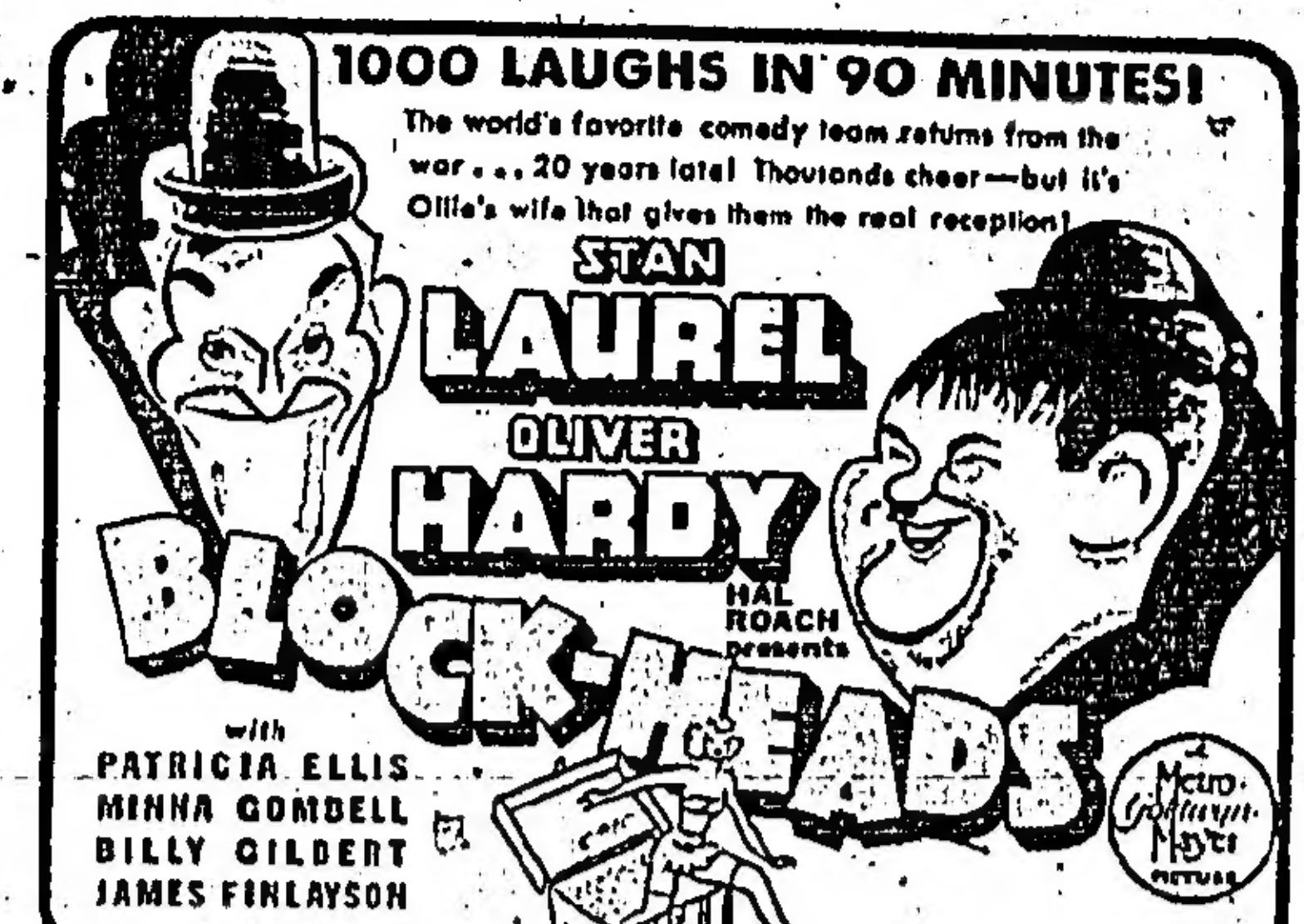
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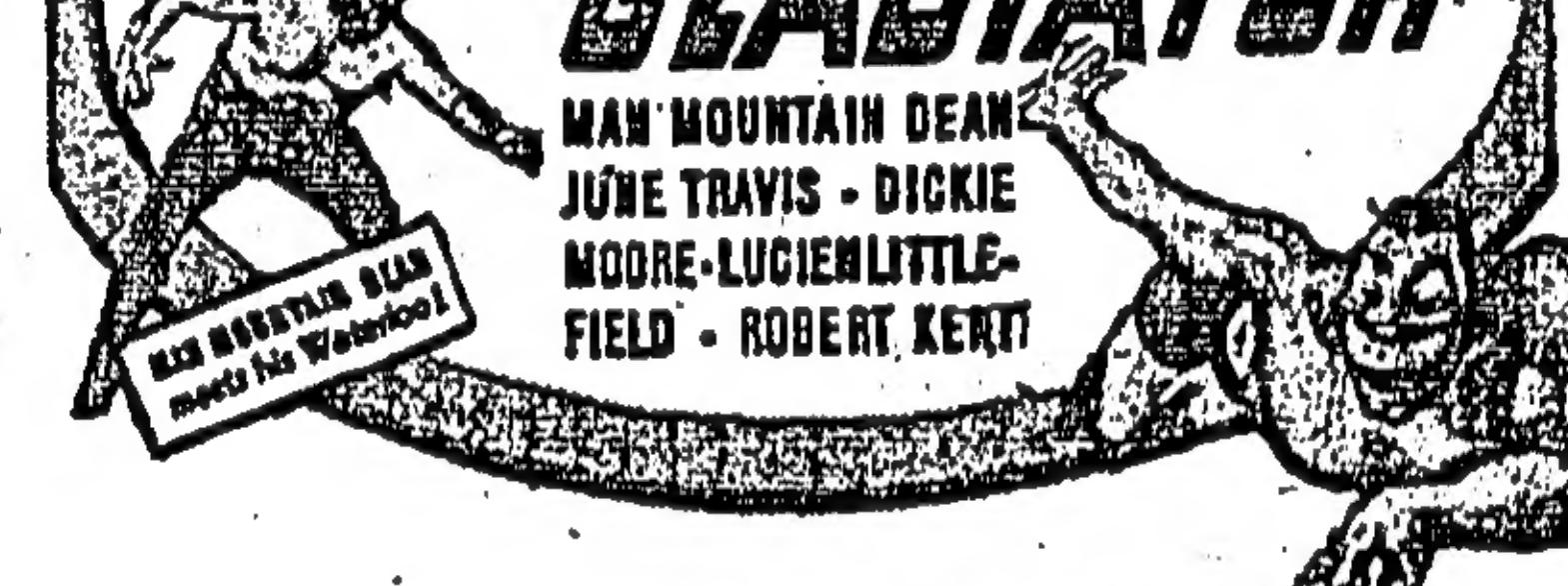
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Chamberlain: Debt Order

A RECEIVING order in bankruptcy has been made on a creditor's petition, against Mrs. Denise Anne Mario Jose Winterbottom, sister-in-law of Mrs. Noville Chamberlain.

Horace de Vere Cole, brother of Mrs. Chamberlain.

WARD IN CHANCERY

The marriage was dissolved in 1928.

Miss Cole, whose father died in 1930, is a ward in Chancery of the Irish courts, and Mrs. Chamberlain is her guardian.

Mrs. Winterbottom is the mother of Miss Valerie Cole, Mrs. Chamberlain's niece, who is now living at 10, Downing-street, and will be presented at Court this year.

Mrs. Cole is Mrs. Winterbottom's daughter by her first marriage, when she was seventeen, to Mr. William Dixon Winterbottom in 1933.

That marriage was dissolved four years later.

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